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3-Lb. TURNIP and 2½-Lb. RADISH grown by Walter Schalk of Owensville, Mo. sent in by Esther Maciejewski of Owensville.

WE PUT EXHAUSTED MUFFLERS TO REST

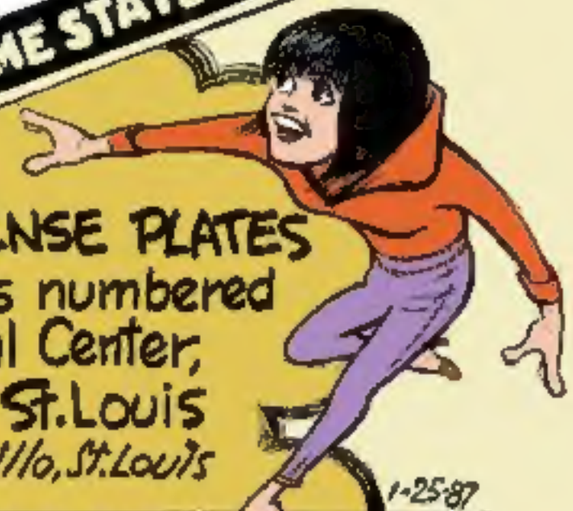
Sign on a service station in Alton, Ill... thanks Vince King of Florissant, Mo.

Although second cousins Isabell Schauster & Philomena Schrewe have sent Christmas cards to each other since 1939 THEY HAVE NEVER MET--- Isabell lives in Highland, Illinois and Philomena in Oregon.

GRACZAK

The Mahr's dog Benji likes to rest atop their BARBECUE PIT at 2175 Sycamore Hill Court in Chesterfield, Mo.

SIDE-BY-SIDE LICENSE PLATES on cars parked in spaces numbered A-23 & A-24 at the Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., in St. Louis thanks, Mary Adelmann, 1310 Cabrillo, St. Louis



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ON STE. GENEVIEVE, MO., SUSAN MARIE LARDER'S BURRO CARRIES A GOOSE BY PLACING ITS NECK IN HIS MOUTH — WHEN RELEASED, THE GOOSE PESTERS THE BURRO SOO AWOKED RIDE...

SENT IN BY MRS. RALPH MEYER RT. 2, BOX 100, STE. GENEVIEVE

3-YEAR-OLD PETER RUMBOLD ASSEMBLES JIG-SAW PUZZLES IN MINUTES --- SOMETIMES WORKS FOUR AT A TIME — EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE FOR 8-10 AND 12-YEAR OLDS AND CONTAIN 100 OR MORE PIECES.

GOAT THOUGHT ST. LOUIS

BATHING BEAUTY - A GIRL WORTH WADING FOR

SIGN OF 4353 S. BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS

OLD ICE TONGS HOLD A ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS IN HELEN BASCOM'S KITCHEN AT IRON LUNGSTON, WEBSTER GROVES

CHARLIE SHERMAN, WHO LIVES ON A 13TH LEVEL IN DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS, HAS TWO TICKETS WITH SEATS IN LODGE 13 AT KIEL AUDITORIUM. DATE LISTED ON APRIL 13 AT NOON 13 HE WAS DRIVING WITH FOUR BAD STOPPED BUT CAME IN BUSY INTERSECTION.

EVELYN CREDMORE BOWLED IDENTICAL TOTALS IN CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS AT PLAINOR LANES IN DECATUR, ILL... 136-126-149-411 136-126-149-411

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SENT IN BY RICK LOCKWILLER, DELAVAN, ILL.

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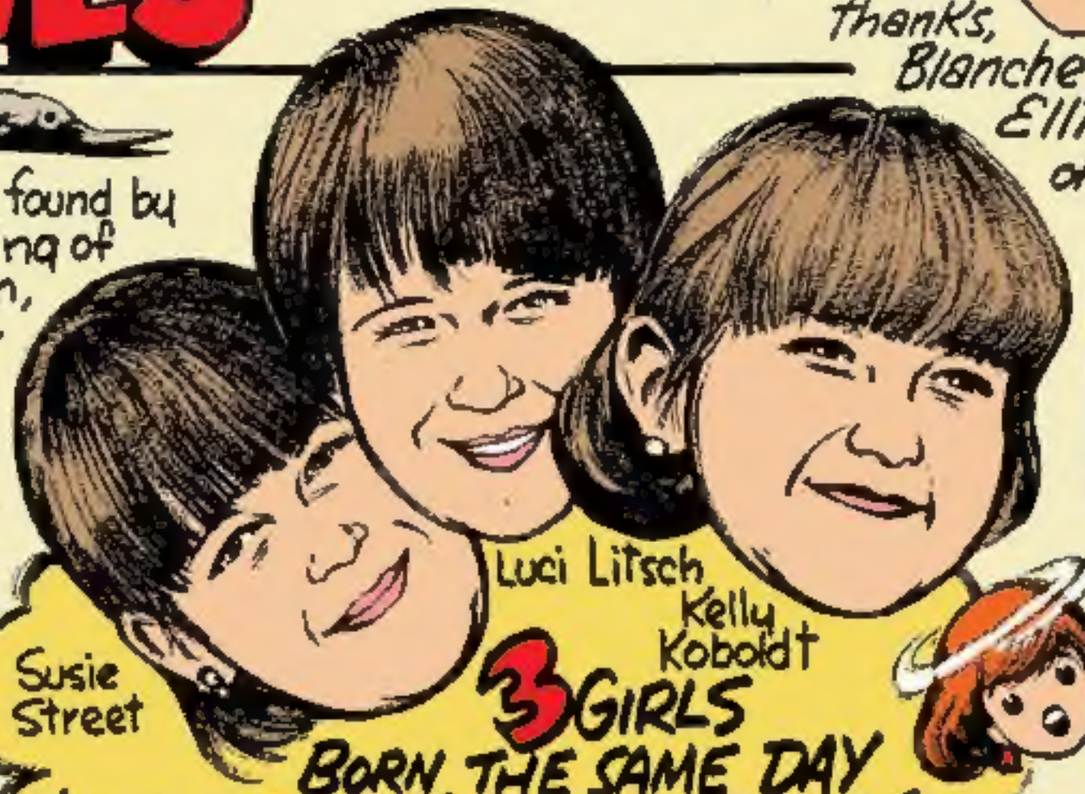
Erin Lynne BYRD MARRIED John Robert STORK in Lively Grove, Ill.. thanks, Blanche Ellis of Marine, Ill.

2-HEADED DRIFTWOOD found by Joe Farthing of Bridgeton, Mo.

Roger Weishaupt of Hardin, Ill., found this 16-Lb MUSHROOM--- (from photo by Jack Breden of Hardin)



Susie Street

Luci Litsch

Kelly Koboldt

3 GIRLS BORN THE SAME DAY Aug. 12, 1978 play fast pitch softball for the POPPERS for the Manchester Association... thanks, Daniel Litsch of Ballwin, Mo.

I got it all together, but I forgot where I put it.

SIGN at Stene's House of Beauty, 4026 N. Kingshighway St. Louis — thanks Denya Taylor

7/5/87 GRACZAK

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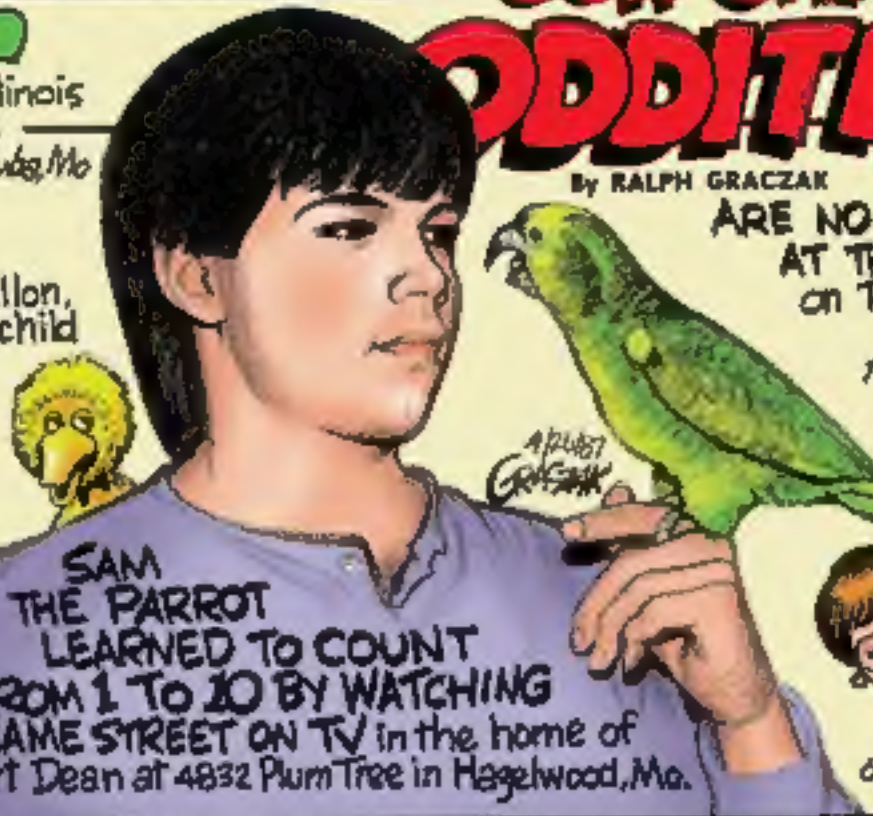
We have Blue Ribbon - how many yards do you want?

Sign on an Illinois Tavern

thanks, Jim Harper of Cuba, Mo

Demetrius Bernard Dillon, a 7th grandchild of both sides of the family, was born on Jan. 7th, 1977

thanks, Eric Davis of St. Louis



THERE ARE NO RAILROAD TRACKS AT THIS CROSSING SIGN on Route 156, a half-mile north of Waterloo, Illinois

thanks, Walter Evanatich, 4318 Wallace, St. Louis

Arne Arneson of Arneson Timber HAS 2 SECRETARIES NAMED VIOLET...

Violet Guckes in St. Louis and Violet Conway in Steelville, Mo.

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Reverend W.L. Biasch HASN'T MISSED A WORSHIP SERVICE IN 50 YEARS---

he is Pastor of Zoar United Church of Christ in Hanover, Ill., thanks, Robt. Friz of Columbia, Ill.

The New Hope Store's ad in Lemay- thanks Bill Blank, 448 Kingston, Lemay, Mo.

YOU THINK IT'S HOT HERE!

Sign in front of the Star Hope Church on Route 79, South of Elsberry, Mo... thanks, Mrs. W.B. Waggoner of Elsberry.

16- INCH-LONG 22-POUND CANTALOPE grown by Lillian Ruppert in Wright City, Mo.

SLINKY HAS TRAVELLED IN 48 STATES IN A TRAILER... owned by Ronald Fenimore of Troy, Ill.

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Roy Elfrink proposed to Melanie Eden on a **BILLBOARD** on Old Highway 63 in Columbia, Mo... *thanks Coy O. Cobb, 1510 Rosemary, in Columbia*

Frank Corirossi and daughter Lisa have exchanged the **SAME CHOCOLATE EGG** every Easter in Florissant, Mo., **SINCE 1980...**

--- **3 DOROTHY IRENES** in the Northwest YMCA morning swimnastic class... *Dorothy Irene Uebelein, Dorothy Irene Herron & Dorothy Irene Schmitt...*

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In Bridgeton, Mo., John Grillion's outside **FREEZE PROOF** water shut-off burst on March 6th when the temperature was 70

Ann Hoffmann of O'Fallon, Mo., is using **THE SAME DIME STORE LIPSTICK BRUSH FOR 35 YEARS!**

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TREE growing in Shrewsbury, Mo... *from photo sent in by Marie DeBolt*

DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED TO BARK IN SUNSET HILLS, MO. AFTER 10:00 PM *thanks, Adele Kempf, 13048 Watson Rd...*

In 1901 there were **ONLY 2 CARS** in Kansas City, Mo., *AND THEY COLLIDED!!* *They were driven by doctors.*

DRUGGISTS ARE THE PILLERS OF SOCIETY

Sign on a rental center in St. Charles, Mo. *thanks, Amy Robsch of St. Peters, Mo.*

Benny **LOCK** retired from the Lincoln St. Louis Company and Benny **KEY** replaced him... *sent in by Benny Key of Portage De Sioux, Mo.*

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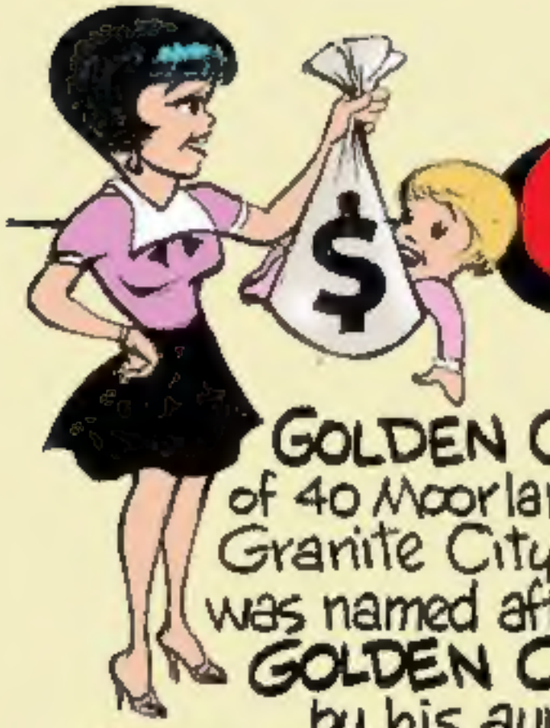
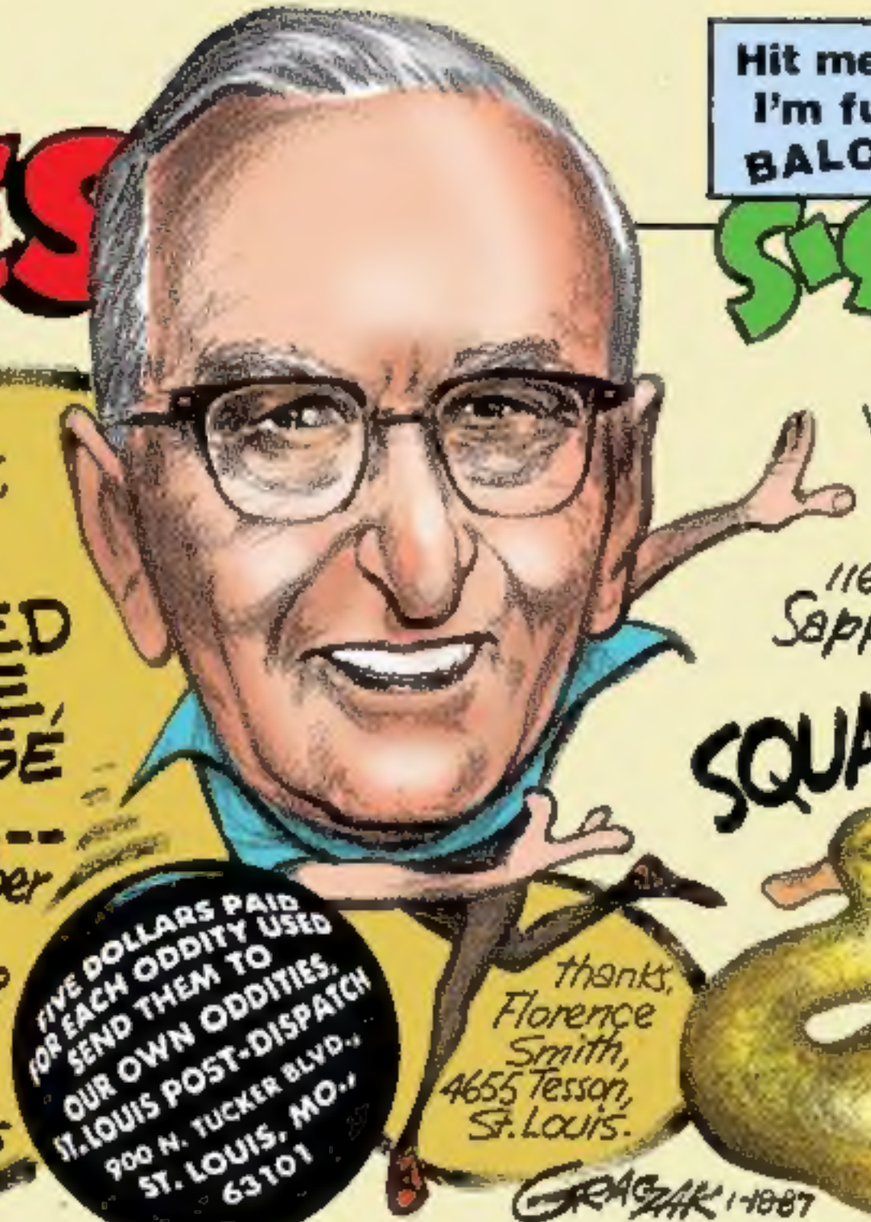


GOLDEN COIN BARTON of 40 Moorland in Granite City, Ill., was named after a GOLDEN COIN by his aunt...
thanks, Terry Barton, Sr., of Stuttgart, West Germany

HUG YOUR CHILD AT HOME
BELT THEM IN THE CAR

Bumper Sticker seen in Hazelwood by Margaret Nelke of Berkeley, Mo.

Al Mueller, the nation's oldest active bowler, ROLLED A 198 GAME, TWICE HIS AGE OF 99... last November in the Seniors League at Red Bird Lanes in South St. Louis



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Hit me easy I'm full of BALONEY

SIGN on a Frick Meat Truck from Washington, Mo., *thanks, Marcia Werkmeister, 11637 Denny Road, Sappington, Mo.*

SQUASH grown by Chip Rombach of Chesterfield, Mo.

thanks, Florence Smith, 4655 Tesson, St. Louis.

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A source of energy- the boss walks in

on a rental center, 1717 Ford Lane in St. Charles Mo...
thanks, Darlene Horst, 333 Rebecca, St. Louis

This doll is the only toy 87-YEAR-OLD Blanche Nelson *of Affton* ever had— *her mother bought the China head, but made the rest for her 8th birthday...*

Sam & Pat Goldstein HAVE LIVED ON LOVE FOR 26 YEARS-
sent in by P.J. Goldstein, 802 LOVE DRIVE, O'Fallon, Mo.

St. Clair, Mo., WATER TANKS on Interstate 44...
thanks, Shirley Brinkman Kocher of Columbia, Ill.

GREEN PEPPER INSIDE A RED PEPPER
sent in by Julie & Leslie Venegoni, 5605 Marquette, St. Louis

GRACZAK 7-8-87

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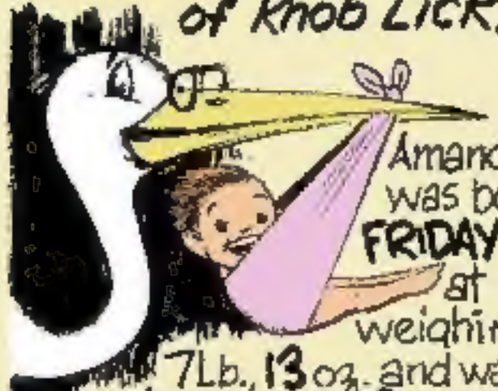
Ralph Hughes had a best friend through school whose name was BACON- his mother's maiden name was HAMM and his mother-in-law's maiden name was HOGG!
thanks, Sharon Wallace of Knob Lick, Mo.



Amanda Jones was born on FRIDAY 13 at 6:13 weighing 7Lb., 13 oz. and was baptized July 13...
thanks, Cathy Jones of Washington, Mo.

3-YEAR-OLD Michael Heithaus HAS A COLLECTION OF OVER 10,000 BASEBALL CARDS
thanks, Joan Heithaus 25 St. Walter, Florissant, Mo.

GRACZAK 11-6-67

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SIGN at 4525 Lindell in St. Louis...
thanks, Norman Balkin, 8054 Davie, Clayton, Mo.

#4 TREE in Sharon Steiger's yard at #4 KSGM in Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

DEAR HUNTERS ROSE SPECIAL

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Sign on Kruse Florist In South St. Louis County... thanks, Marie Kness, 3224 Sunrise, St. Louis

This DUCK sat on her nest of eggs IN A BOAT WHILE IT WAS BEING USED ON THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS by Fuqet Holloway of 4113 Tideland of Bridgeton, Mo.

Maru Margaret Woodling is the FIRST GIRL born in that family in 130 YEARS! thanks, Theresa Reichert, 3289 McDonald, St. Louis

63-POUND SHEEPSHEAD MUSHROOM found by Hank & John Biscan of Mt. Olive, Illinois- thanks, Mike Kostich of Mt. Olive...

ZUCCHINI grown by Pat Headrick of Moberly, Mo. sent in by Mary Wind 3126 Franke, St. Louis.

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Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you

Sign in a St. Charles dentist's office...

thanks, Nellie Walker, 119 Redbud, St. Charles

SNAKE POTATO grown by Zeno Cook, 2806 Keokuk, St. Louis

Jill Nicole Scognamiglio IS THE 14th TO BE CHRISTENED IN THIS SAME DRESS (starting with grandmother Eva Bromeling in 1899) thanks, Kelly Scognamiglio, 8532 Wilstead, St. Louis

FRED BYRD is president of CARDINAL Amusement Products in Auburn, Alabama

thanks, Debi Hansard, 2370 Halfmoon, St. Louis

Rachel Gilbert of Kirkwood was reunited for the holidays with her sisters Pauline from England and Isabel from Canada FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS-

thanks, Rob Gilbert, 4752 S. Spring, St. Louis.

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1-26-86

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WHEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE PUT HIM ON "HOLD" A TAPE RECORDER PLAYED *"IF I WERE A RICH MAN"* FOR MARK SILVERMAN of Creve Coeur, Mo.

FRYING HAMBURGERS AT 96!!!

PINES DOUGLAS IS SOMETHING ELSE IN HIS RESTAURANT NAMED "NUF SAID" IN WINDSOR, MO....

thanks, James L. Stone, Moberly, Mo.

ON TONY GRAWER'S 9-WOOD DRIVE AT SOUTHMOOR, THE BALL'S CORE WENT 50 YARDS GREENWARD, BUT, THE COVER WENT TO THE LEFT...

4929 Mishmar St. Louis

THIS CAT TELLS YOU HE'S A BOY— owned by Shirley Ann Lipe of Fredericktown, Mo.

FIREWOOD WITH HANDLE

sent in by Stanley Guseman, 4543 Du Bourg, St Louis

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GRACZAK 3-4-70

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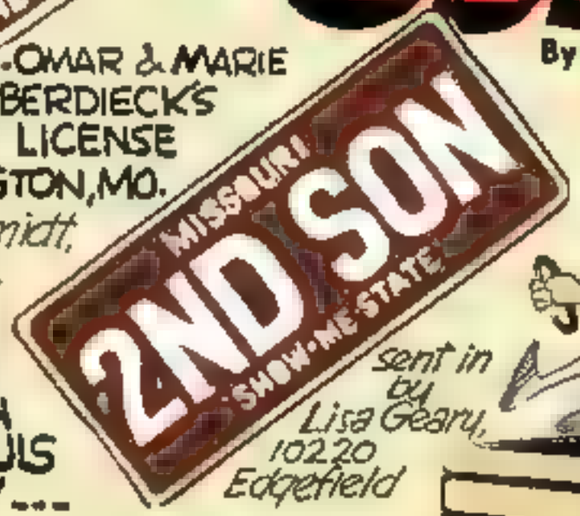
...OMAR & MARIE OBERDIECK'S CAR LICENSE IN WASHINGTON, MO.
thanks, Bud Schmidt, of Washington.



sent in by Lisa Geary, 10220 Edgefield

THIS ONE WAS SEEN IN NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY...

ON MEINER'S PLUMBING TRUCK – *thanks, Lois Mariam, 1542 Virginia, Ellisville, Mo.*

ALL 4 GIRLS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND ARE NAMED "CHERYL"
thanks, Cheryl Mattingly, 1016 N. 12th, Highland, Ill.

THE WORLD'S FIRST ROOMS TO CONTROL THE RIPENING OF BANANAS WERE BUILT IN THE 1930'S WHERE THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION CENTER NOW STANDS

thanks, G.J. Iggens, 701 Zeiss, Lemay, Mo.

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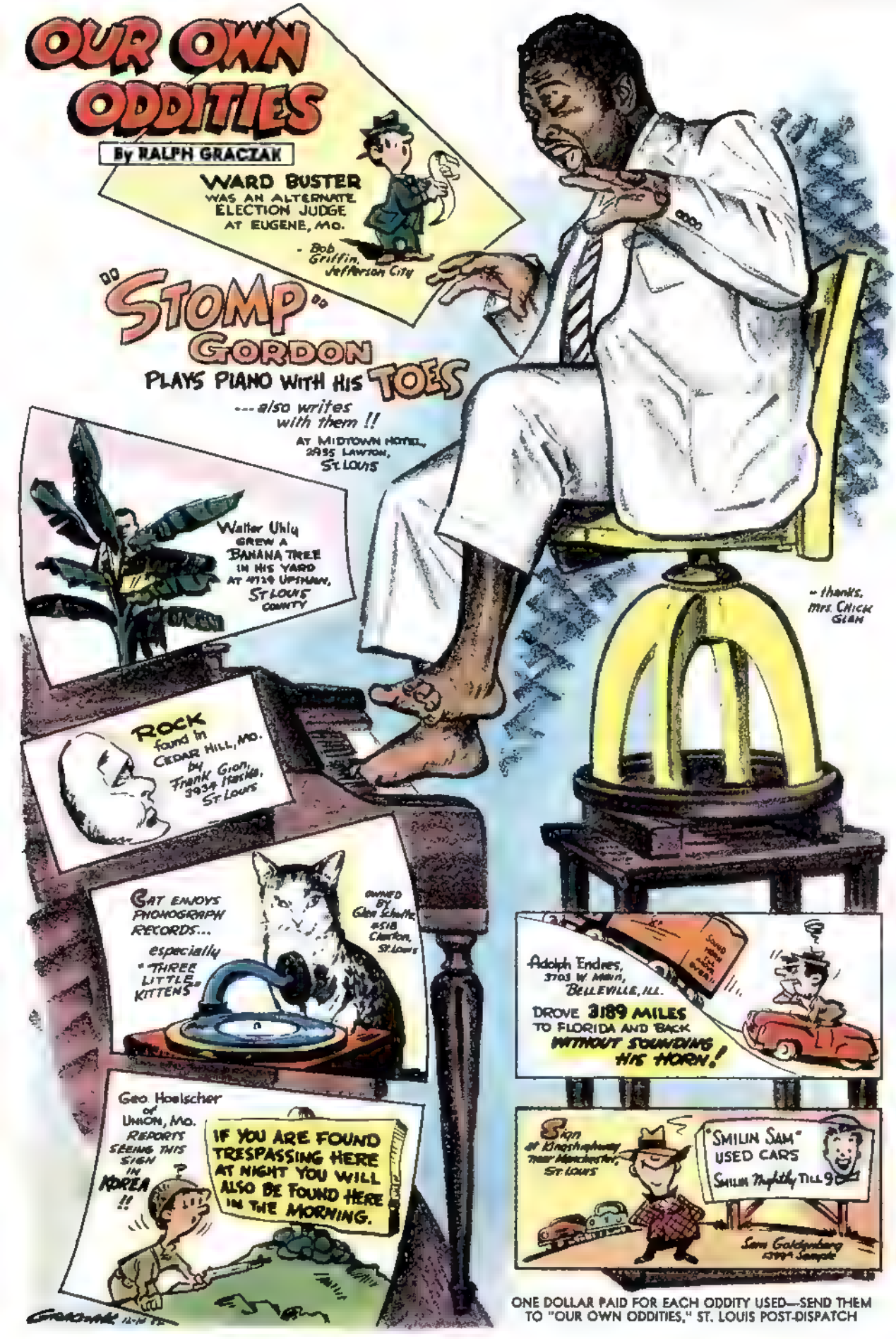
WARD BUSTER
WAS AN ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGE AT EUGENE, MO.
- Bob Griffin, Jefferson City



"STOMP" GORDON
PLAYS PIANO WITH HIS TOES
--- also writes with them !!
AT MIDTOWN HOTEL, 2895 LAWTON, ST. LOUIS

- thanks, Mrs. CHICK GLEN

Walter Uhly GREW A BANANA TREE IN HIS YARD AT 4729 UPHAM, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

ROCK found in CEDAR HILL, MO. by Frank Gion, 3934 Itaska, St. Louis

CAT ENJOYS PHONOGRAPH RECORDS... especially "THREE LITTLE KITTENS"
owned by Glen Schultz, 4518 Clanton, St. Louis

Adolph Enders, 3703 W. Main, BELLEVILLE, ILL. DROVE 3189 MILES TO FLORIDA AND BACK WITHOUT SOUNDING HIS HORN!

Geo. Hoelscher of UNION, MO. REPORTS SEEING THIS SIGN IN KOREA !!
IF YOU ARE FOUND TRESPASSING HERE AT NIGHT YOU WILL ALSO BE FOUND HERE IN THE MORNING.

Sign at Kingshighway near Manchester, St. Louis
"SMILIN SAM" USED CARS
Smilin Nightly Till 9
Sam Goldenberg

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EVERYBODY DRIVES A USED CAR

Sign on a Natural Bridge Car Lot - Anita Burman, 750 Leland

HE AIN'T KIDDIN'!

$3,150

John Hense 3742a Evans has his alarm clock rigged up to his DOOR BELL which rings until he shuts it off!

R-R-R-R-R-R

Z-Z-Z

R-R-R-R-R

COMIC PLUM... ...Thomas, Beverly

ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH ODDITY USED SEND THEM TO THE EVERYDAY MAGAZINE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

PAINTING 3750 FEET LONG - 12 FEET HIGH

THIS MOVING PANORAMA BY HENRY LEWIS ILLUSTRATED THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM ITS HEADWATERS TO THE MOUTH ... IT WAS EXHIBITED IN THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY AT 50¢ PER PERSON... St. Louis became the production center for these panoramas which were wound on cylinders

-thanks, Roy King

GOLDAK-7-25

If you purchase flowers in St. Louis, there's a good chance they came from the 2700 BLOCK of LaSalle St. --- 13 of 18 wholesale florists in the telephone directory are located in that SAME BLOCK! - M. Wortmann, 3508a N 25th

GREEN "PURPLE CORN" DAISIES grown by Mrs J Lyman Evans, 5215 Alabama.

Mary Healy at Monsanto Chemical accidentally knocked a Coca-Cola bottle off a fifth floor window... it landed in a Coca-Cola TRUCK!

thanks, Marie C Vieregge, 2658 Geyer

G GOLLY- I'M SO BASHFUL!

The Industrial Bank in St Louis is an ALL-GIRL TELLER BANK! -20 GIRL TELLERS.

thanks Leo Sigoloff, 915 De Mun

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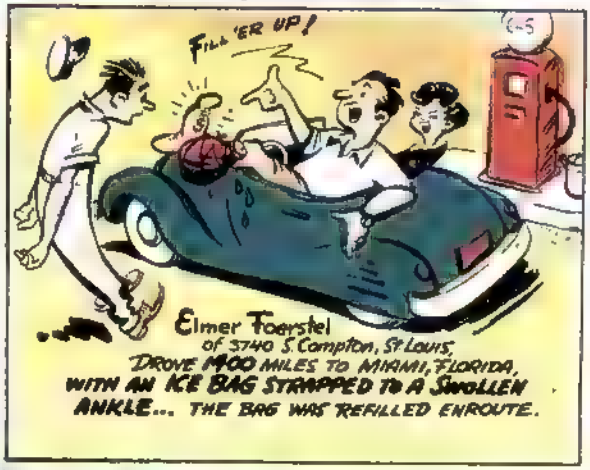
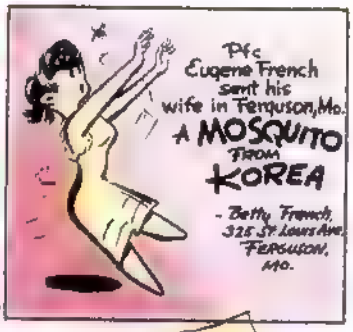


ODD COCKSCOMB GROWTH sent in by Esther Hawreich, Union Road, St. Louis County



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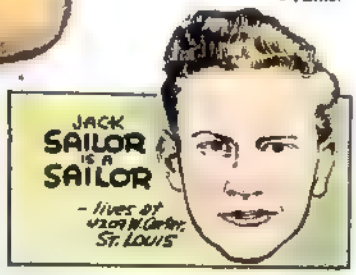
Signature of Mr. SPEIGHT, General Manager of Canterbury Gardens, St. Louis
- E. Komar



ENOS SLAUGHTER'S FIRST, ONE THOUSANDTH — AND ONE THOUSAND AND FIRST RUNS BATTED IN FOR THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, WERE HOMERS!

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Thanks, Russ Krueger, 5036 Sutherland, St. Louis

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Sketch by JACK MATTHEWS, BIG MISSOURIAN, Belleville

BELLEVILLE, ILL., FIREMAN, RAY WALTA, ANSWERED A CALL TO EXTINGUISH A LEAF FIRE AS HAD STARTED AT HIS OWN HOME!

POTATO THAT TIED ITSELF INTO A KNOT from MRS. ASA BARNETT, SCHELLER, ILL.

C. D. ASHBY of SHERMAN, MO. WAS BORN NOV. 4, 1877 AT 7:30
VOTED FOR COOLIDGE NOV. 4, 1924 AT 7:30
VOTED FOR EISENHOWER NOV. 4, 1952 AT 7:30

ONE POTATO GROWING THROUGH ANOTHER -- sent in by Judy Hartel 5535 Gilmore St. Louis

Candlestick Holder

MADE BY ROSTELLE EUGE OUT OF A RAMROD & BAYONET CARRIED BY HIS GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

OATES FOR POTATOES

ST. LOUIS TRUCK SIGN - THANKS, OFFICER FELDMEIER TENTH & LOCUST -- CHAS. WHENEVER 4931 CLAYTON, ST. LOUIS

SMOKING JACKET

MADE OUT OF JAPANESE-PHILIPPINE INVASION MONEY

OWNED BY

CARL K. MC DANIEL
903 S. Glenstone, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

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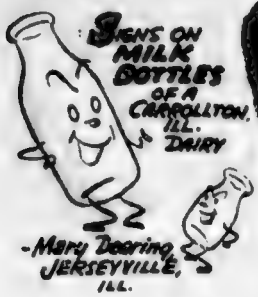
THEY CAME TO VISIT NOT TO STAY RETURN OUR BOTTLES EVERY DAY...



Signs on milk bottles of a Carrollton, Ill. Dairy

-Mary Doering, Jerseyville, Ill.

"Tree" design on cat... owned by Bena Roberts, 2300 Ashby Rd, - St. Louis -

Willard Schmidt

George Spencer... These opposing relief hurlers won and lost a 9-inning game by pitching one ball apiece!

(Giants 8, Cardinals 7 Dec. 16, '53 - Polo Grounds)

- thank you, W.A. Wigand of Cuba, Mo.

Hot dessert burned this hole in a plastic dish

Mrs. F. Berkey 325 Church, Belleville, Ill.

Rock "mask" found by Weldon Freese, Houston, Mo.

John Herwig a 180-average bowler, rolled 3 consecutive games of 147 each!

(Dec. 17 at Steins)

-- Mrs. Herwig 7078 Sutherland, - St. Louis -

Sign on Station Wagon (Mo. license 788-912) thanks, Leo

Mrs. C. Dunn, 8757 Rosalie, Brentwood, Mo., found a 1929 St. Louis streetcar pass... 12 rides for 90¢

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1-11-53

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NOVA GRAHAM HAS NEVER BEEN ABSENT OR TARDY IN 10 YEARS AT SCHOOL

(CLINTON PEABODY AND MCKINLEY HIGH)

Thanks, NOMA GRAHAM 4109 JUNIATA, ST. LOUIS

TALKING DOG

OWNED BY FRANK FINLEY 454 N. 22ND E. ST. LOUIS

---IT ONLY SAYS TWO WORDS, BUT THEY ARE CLEAR AND DISTINCT:

"I'M HUNGRY"

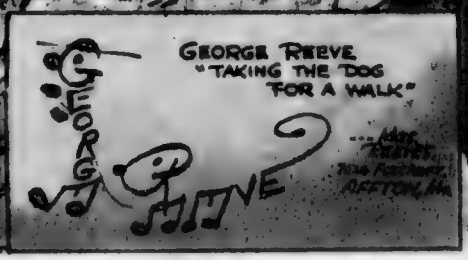
(Springer Spaniel)

WAYNE PALMER CAUGHT A QUAIL INSIDE A WAREHOUSE (JOHNNY'S MARKET, SARPYGTON, MO.)

Thanks, TED L.

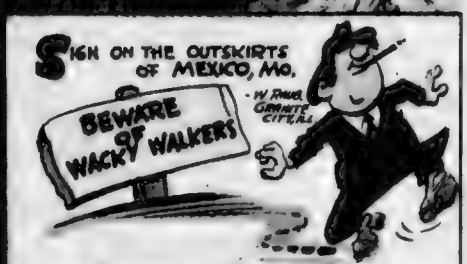
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT BURNED EVERY SEASON FOR 22 YEARS

-drawing by owner, Walter Winkler, 1226A Victor, ST. LOUIS



GEORGE REEVE "TAKING THE DOG FOR A WALK"

...Mar. Theatre, 7036 Pershing, DEFTON, Mo.



SIGN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MEXICO, MO.

BEWARE OF WACKY WALKERS

-W. Paul, GLADSTONE CITY, N.J.

JEFFERSON CITY TRUCK SIGN...

C. Heilzmann, 5408 Ross, R. Finn, 5806 Clements, ST. LOUIS

I AM FULL OF HOBOS. HIT ME EASY

ONE DOLLAR PAID FOR EACH ODDITY USED

SEND THEM TO

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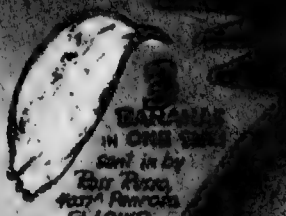
R. S. GRACZAK

OUR OWN ODDITIES

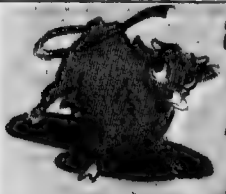
By RALPH GRACZAK

WALTER DENNY HAS TAUGHT HIS DOG TO WALK WITH HIM AND CARRY AN UMBRELLA.
- Bloomfield, Mo.



BARRAMUNDA IN ONE SHELL
Sent in by Bill Pixley, 4637 Pennsylvania, St. Louis.

OUR COWS ARE NOT CONTENTED THEY ARE ALWAYS STRIVING TO DO BETTER



Sign on a dairy's milk bottles in Joliet, Ill.
thanks, Mrs. Fiorini, 623 Lafayette, St. Louis

HEN'S EGG WITH A TWO-LAYER SHELL.
from Chas. Simonelli, 5253 Page, St. Louis

RAINBOW TROUT

CAUGHT BELOW THE DAM AT LAKE of the OZARKS, MISSOURI, WITH 3 PREVIOUS HOOKS AND LEADERS IN ITS MOUTH.
by Gus Schlitter, Jr., 935 Lemay, LEMAY, Mo.

IN DIXON, Mo., DOROTHY JEAN, WHO MARRIED DORSIE DEAN SCOTER, NOW HAS A FATHER, FATHER-IN-LAW, BROTHER AND HUSBAND NAMED "DORSIE"
- thanks, Georgia Scoter

MYSTERIOUS STONE MARKER ON THE OLD ROBBINS PLANTATION, ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF MARSTON, Mo.
thanks, Royes Jean Carroll, LILBOURN, Mo.

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MUSTARD DAB'S TAVERN

...from in Columbia, Illinois
...Smith, 208 S. 13th St.

AN ALL-YOLK EGG... sent in by Mrs. John Nagle, 10441 Conterway, OVERLAND, Mo.

NAME ON A COTTON GIN IN CHARLESTON, Mo.

--JIM HARVEY, 102 W. ADA.

SWINGING BRIDGE OVER THE KASKASKIA RIVER AT CARLYLE, ILL., BUILT IN 1859, IT IS BEING RESTORED FOR DEDICATION IN MAY IN HONOR OF GEN. WILLIAM S. DEAN, KOREAN WAR HERO AND NATIVE OF CARLYLE, WHO IS NOW IN A RED PRISON CAMP.

Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo, Ohio, Blade, was married on this bridge when he was a printer on the Carlyle Democrat.

thanks, Grover BrinKman
OKAWVILLE, ILL.

A CHICKEN WITH 2 HEARTS WAS DISCOVERED BY H. GUILLAUME, MASCOUTAH ILL.

-Clara Wismeyer
205 W. Main
Mascoutah

Betty Putnam OF 1234 TEMPLE, WORKS AT 4321 SEMPLE IN St. LOUIS

-Otto Faerber
425 DeBaliviere

3 HORTON AUTO SUPPLY SALESMEN WORKING OUT OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (IN DIFFERENT TERRITORIES) DROVE IDENTICAL DISTANCES IN ONE WEEK... 576 MILES

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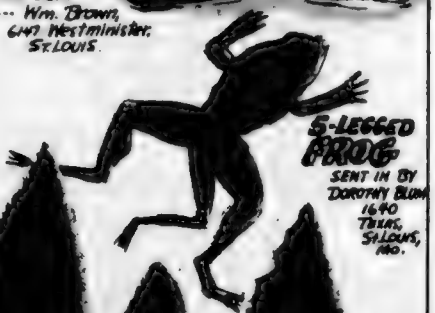
WE FREEZE TO PLEASE

SIKESTON, Mo. SIGN.

—H. S. Hutkins, Cape Girardeau.

Walter Brown, of Hardin, Ill., caught a 42-POUND CATFISH WITH A CASTING ROD AND BASS PLUG at Kentucky Lake Dam

— Wm. Brown, 6417 Westminster, St. Louis.



5-LEGGED FROG

SENT IN BY DOROTHY BLUM 1640 TEXAS, ST. LOUIS, MO.

EGG-IN-AN-EGG

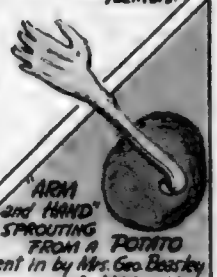
SENT IN BY DAVE WHEAT, RED BUD, ILLINOIS.

PLYWOOD SHORTS

Sign on S. Vandeventer, in St. Louis—

thanks, PAUL SMALLWOOD, 3573 Westridge, Overland, BILL BRODTRICK, 4536 Botanical, St. Louis

HANSEL & GRETEL HOUSE MADE WITH 1000 PIECES OF CANDY, COOKIES, etc., ALL EDIBLE, BY WM. RAUSCHE 2421 McNair, St. Louis...



"ARM and HAND" SPROUTING FROM A POTATO sent in by Mrs. Geo. Beasley of MARION, ILL.

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WHEN BENNETT STALLARD of WHITESBURG, KY., SIGNED UP IN THE NAVY RECRUITING STATION, HIS **FULL NAME** CREATED QUITE A STIR ...

- Sam Crane, 4781 Forest Park, St. Louis

HUGH ALEXANDER MORRIS GEMZ SAUL RALPH STILES GILBERT MATTOX MARYLAND MILLS MARION MAYO JOHN CHARLES JAMES GORDON BENNETT MORRIS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ELIJAH GREEN EVERIDGE BRADLEY KINCAID ROBERT JEFFERSON BERRYMAN RIDGE STALLARD

Ruth Gilmore, 8612 CHAPLTON, - ALTON, Mo. - HER MOTHER IN ST. LOUIS AND HER SISTER IN OVERLAND, Mo. HELD A 3-WAY PHONE CONVERSATION THROUGH AN EXCHANGE "MIXUP"

MASTER RAY WATSON, 2, 807 S. Main, JACKSONVILLE, ILL. HAS ONE BLACK HAIR IN HIS SNOW-WHITE HEAD OF HAIR.

thanks, Marilyn Joan Cors, 807 S. Main

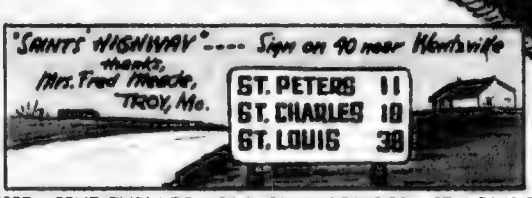
CAT THAT LIKES TO "THUMP" PIANO KEYS...

owned by Valerie Faye Mueller, 2823 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis

D. ALLRED AND R. LEADY WITH CONSECUTIVE ADDRESSES GOT CONSECUTIVE LICENSES - ATHOUGH ORDERED ON DIFFERENT DATES.

RUBBER BAND "POTHOLDER"

-- WOVEN BY REENA BENATHEN, 6805 Washington, St. Louis



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The FIRST BANK ROBBERY IN THE WORLD IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THIS BUILDING ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN LIBERTY, MO., IN 1866 --- the JAMES GANG was accused.

A ST. LOUIS STORE SIGN AT 2846 CHEROKEE

CACKLE SHOP

- thanks Zibo

3 EGGS INSIDE ONE SHELL -- ONE HAD A SHELL OF ITS OWN. submitted by John Schatz, 1216 Moorland Richmond Heights, Mo.

TREE THAT TRIED TO BE A LADDER at 3200 Walton Rd., OVERLAND, Mo.

-thanks, Paul Peterson, Cato, Manchester St. Louis

WHOOO - and WHAT!?

3½ YEAR OLD MARK VENERIA HAS OVER ONE THOUSAND MATCH BOOK COVERS in HIS COLLECTION -1903 SHERIDAN, UCITY, Mo.

WHILE "NIGHT FISHING" WITH A PLUG, JOHN BUCKNER CAUGHT AN OWL (PINEY RIVER - NEAR CABOOL, Mo.)

- thanks Mrs. Buckner, 2906 Endicott, St. Louis

NUMBER "7" FORMED BY A MIRROR WHEN DROPPED by SHIRLEY HOFFMAN, 6240 SANTA HELLENA, Mo.

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3-22-53

OUR OWN ODDITIES

By RALPH GRACZAK

AN "ALL YOLK EGG" sent in by Woody Hubbs, 7418 Nottingham, SHREWSBURY, MO.

SIGN ON FERGUSON NAZARINE CHURCH GROUNDS, SION. FLORISSANT RD.

"POGO" POTATO from Barbara Easterday, 4039 Flad, St. Louis

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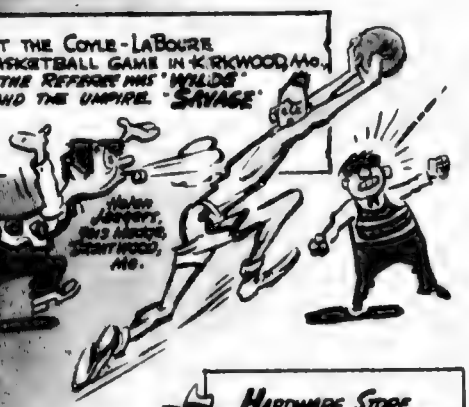
REAL HOGS ARE GOOD TO EAT
ROAD HOGS ARE BAD TO MEET.
TRAVEL THIS ROAD ON THE RIGHT SIDE
OR IT MAY BE SUICIDE!

SUDDENLY BECAME "RIGHT-HANDED" AFTER 18 YEARS AS "LEFT-HANDED" WRITING... 2826 ANN, ST. LOUIS, MO.

AT THE COYLE-LABOURE BASKETBALL GAME IN KIRKWOOD, MO., THE REFEREE HAS "WOLDS" AND THE UMPIRE "SAVAGE"

HELEN JARRETT, 1013 MELROSE, WEBSTER WOOD, MO.



HARDWARE STORE AT 7446 GRAVOIS ROAD --- THE FRONT DOOR IS IN ST. LOUIS --- THE BACK DOOR IS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

THANKS, JOHNNY'S MAY.

80 YEARS and 300 POUNDS

DOESN'T STOP JOHN HENKIRK FROM WALKING 4 MILES EVERY DAY TO THE STORE IN BELL CITY, MO.

...JOHN READS NEWSPAPERS WITHOUT GLASSES

THANKS, MARY SCHERER, BELL CITY

ROBBY SILHOUETTE ON A CHINCHILLA HIDE

FROM GORDON ROBBINS, ST. JOHNS, MO.

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TURTLE
NUMBERED By NATURE
sent in by
Geo. Graham,
1206 N. Ninth,
ST. LOUIS

87-YEAR OLD
EDWARD J. NAGEL,
HAS BEEN A CIGAR MAKER
FOR 57 YEARS
AT THE SAME LOCATION
ON WHICH HE WAS BORN
--- 2529 HEGERT ST.,
ST. LOUIS

EAR of CORN GROWING OUT of TASSEL ON ANOTHER EAR
- Herman Kasper, 8171 Cadillac, FERGUSON, Mo.

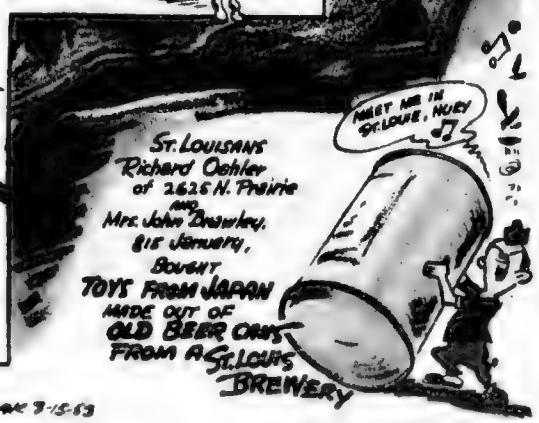
"TENPIN" EGG
Sent in by
Virginia Fields,
of WARDELL, Mo.

HORSE & BUGGY PARKING ONLY
SIGNS of YESTERYEAR in ARTHUR, ILL.
- Mrs. L. Bockman, Arthur, Ill.

PRESIDENTS' ROW— LEADERS OF 3 CIVIC CLUBS LIVE IN 3 CONSECUTIVE HOUSES ON HARTLAND AVENUE, OVERLAND, Mo.

AT 2496, TOM WORTHEN, OVERLAND LIONS' PRESIDENT
AT 2498, EDW. SEITZ, RITENHOUR KIWANIS PRESIDENT
AT 2510, WM. ROBARD, OVERLAND ROTARY'S PRESIDENT
thanks, Paula Seitz and Gene Berner

JESSIE IS A [redacted] IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA IN ST. JACOB, ILL.
- Mrs. C. Jaekel, HIGHLAND, ILL.



St. Louisans Richard Oehler of 2626 N. Prairie and Mrs. John Brawley, 815 January, Bought TOYS FROM JAPAN MADE OUT of OLD BEER CANS FROM A ST. LOUIS BREWERY

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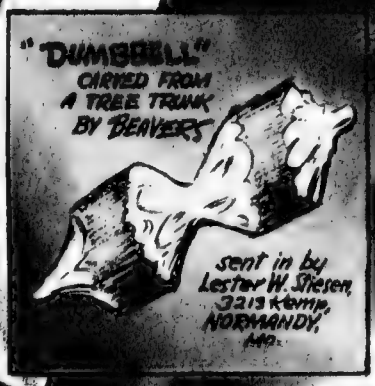
By RALPH GRACZAK

ST. LOUIS' FIRST AIR BEACON WAS A BLAZING TAR BARREL ... BARELY VISIBLE THROUGH THE SMOKE PALLS OVER THE CITY.
-R.T.K.

IN FESTUS, MO., THE LAST FIRE IN 1952 AND THE FIRST IN '53 WERE IN FIREMEN'S OWN HOME AND STORE
Thanks Julian Courtois

H. TEMPLE A MINISTER'S SON, MARRIED SALLY BIBLE (SALEM, ILL.)

Thanks, Bob Temple, FAIRFIELD, ILL.



WILLIAM CARR LANE ST. LOUIS' FIRST MAYOR WAS ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE 8 TIMES!

ONE YEAR TERMS 1823-29 and 1838-40

GERMAN SHEPHERD HAD A TOTAL OF 75 PUPS IN 5 YEARS

-OWNED BY KEN SMITH, 2550 Benton St. LOUIS

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By RALPH GRACZAK

3 AIR-MEN
FROM MILLER COUNTY, Mo. WHO ENLISTED TOGETHER HAVE CONSECUTIVE BIRTHDATES AND SERVICE NUMBERS:
Bernard Schwiller 17-337-15, Nov. 2
James Meredith 17-337-16, Nov. 3
Paul Shelton 17-337-17, Nov. 4

Help-wanted ad in a SPRINGFIELD, Mo. paper...

THREE MEN WHO WILL WORK 8 HOURS A DAY TO REPLACE THREE WHO WOULDN'T

thanks, Wm. Soetebier, EUREKA, Mo.

13-YEAR Bette Buder, 5536 Chippewa, St. Louis... HAS A PROFITABLE HOBBY, CREATING CARIC-EGG-TURES

"CHEMIST"

CALF WITH A **FIFTH LEG** growing from its back... owned by Russell Buxton, WARRENTON, Mo.

Esther and Joe **HAIER** OPERATE A BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOP IN OKAWVILLE, ILL.

"CRINKLY" SHELLED HEN EGG Sent in by Emma Jogue, 4915 Sunshine, St. Louis

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Glass Rolling Pin in use 57 years by Mrs. Henry Bixler, Bloomsdale, Mo.

A CAT THAT WALKS DOWN PIANO KEYS WHEN IT "WANTS OUT" IS OWNED BY MRS. BESSIE HATFIELD, of ROBERTSON, Mo.

FIRST TIME IN HOCKEY HISTORY... IN 1953

TWO AMERICAN-BORN PLAYERS BATTLED FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORING CHAMPIONSHIP

—Cleveland's EDDIE OLSON, born in Hancock, Mich., St. Louis Flyers' GUYLE FIELDER, born in Potlach, Idaho

(Olson now lives in St. Louis County)

JAMES TIGHE, JR. HAS ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN 3 DIFFERENT STATES IN THE PAST YEAR— Georgia, Maryland, Virginia

Thanks, Grandmother Tighe, 5416 Gravois, St. Louis

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BRIGHAM & YOUNG WERE CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR OF FERGUSON, Mo.
- Asa Bryan

Blind Machinist...

DON WENDELL, *industrial education student at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, successfully operates machine shop tools although* TOTALLY BLIND.

A CHICKEN RODE ON A TRAILER AXLE FROM MT. STERLING to CHICAGO, ILL., A DISTANCE OF 250 MILES
- W. NEUMEYER, 1409 Howard, St. Louis

100-YEAR OLD WOOD ROLLING PIN
owned by Mrs. Aug. Enge, DUPO, ILL.

A "NATURAL" NUMBER 7 ON "LUCKY LADY"
... Guernsey calf owned by Geo. Pruett, 702 Arkansas, ROLLA, Mo.

St. Louis Truck Sign-

sent in by Albert Buscher, 7 Shell Terrace, WOOD RIVER, ILL.

TWO-HEADED NAIL
"discovered" by Sam Nichols, 7479 Hiawatha, RICHMOND HEIGHTS, Mo.

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August A. Busch Jr.

NEW OWNER OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, CONTROLS HIS FAMOUS BREWERY FROM THE SAME ROOM IN WHICH HIS FATHER ATTENDED SCHOOL —

— — — A BREWERY OFFICE IN THE OLD LYONS SCHOOL, NINTH and PESTALOZZI, ST. LOUIS.

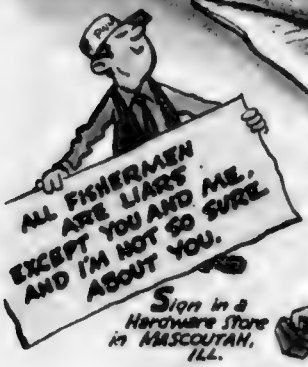
thanks, CARL FUERST 4030 FLAD.

EARLESS RABBIT AT PINE LAWN POULTRY, 6127 Natural Bridge, PINE LAWN, Mo.

The H.A. Hill family in HOUSTON, ARK., named their 8 children:

ELBA
ABEL
ADIA
ACEL
ARIE
ASON
ORAN
ICKEY

thanks Marlbe Bynum, MOUNDS, ILL.



"ALL FISHERMEN ARE LIARS EXCEPT YOU AND ME, AND I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT YOU."

Sign in a Hardware Store in MASCOUTAH, ILL.

—Mrs. O.A. Black, St. JACOB, ILL.

GLORIA ANN MINER of FINDLAY, ILL., WENT THROUGH GRAMMAR AND HIGH SCHOOL AND 4 YEARS OF COLLEGE WITHOUT EVER BEING TARDY OR ABSENT

Mrs. C.F. BYNUM, of KENNETT, Mo. cleaned a chicken that had swallowed a .83 AIR RIFLE SHOT!

GORDAN 9-19

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"Picture" CAT

"SWAN" ON CAT OWNED BY MRS. ROY E. HENRY, MARQUAND, MO.

Mushroom-shaped POTATO sent by Jerry Prusa, EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.

4 MONTH OLD James Smith BALANCES IN HIS FATHER'S HAND... 3927 Maffitt, St. Louis

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THE NAKED SPUR WITH SHORTS

Odd billing at the North Drive-In Theater, St Louis Co., thanks, John Holtrup 5054 Arlington, St Louis

TEAM of horses lost near Lock an... Pattonville Thursday; reward.

A MOST UNUSUAL AD IN THE POST-DISPATCH LOST & FOUND COLUMNS ... they were found, of course.

thanks, Marie Vocker, 4531 Farrelman, St. Louis

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WON BY MISTAKE

.... a misdirected letter to CAMPBELL HILL, ILL., instead of BUNKER HILL, ILL., sent the TRICO FRESH-SOPH TEAM 119 MILES to JERSEYVILLE, ILL., to WIN A TOURNAMENT THEY WEREN'T INTENDED TO PLAY IN... they first learned of the error the last night.

thanks, G.M. Goforth, Ass't. Principal, AVA, Illinois.

OUR OWN ODDITIES

27-POUND CATFISH

CAUGHT ON 8-POUND TEST TACKLE AND REEL by Lelia Bradham of POPLAR BLUFF, MO... AFTER A 2-HOUR STRUGGLE

thanks, Hazel Bradham, 1814 S. Twenty-Second, St. Louis

CHARLES DE VORE FOUND A DEAD ALLIGATOR IN HIS FISH NET ...

Just above MOUND CITY, ILLINOIS.

thanks, Jackie DeVore, 570 S. Elm

LEROY MOSES, a Justice of the Peace in JERSEYVILLE, ILL., RECENTLY MARRIED 5 COUPLES -- 4 OF WHOSE GROOMS WERE NAMED "ROBERT"

THREE-FOOT CEDAR TREE GROWING IN THE FORK OF A TREE AT GOLDEN EAGLE, ILL.

thanks, Jeanette Mueller, 5620 Murdoch, St. Louis, Mo.

GRANDFATHER, FATHER AND SON BORN MARCH 19

Fred Lickenbrock, Fayetteville, Ill.,
Lloyd & Larry Lickenbrock, MASCOUTAH, ILL.

Signs seen on Kirkham & Sappington, GLENDALE, Mo...

thanks, Mrs. F.R. Edmunds, 823 Brownell

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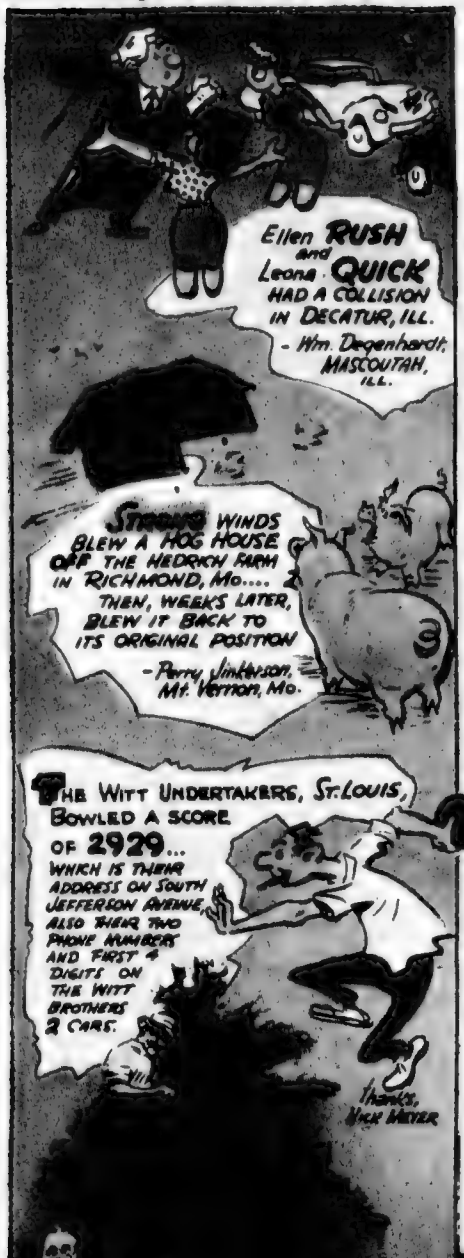
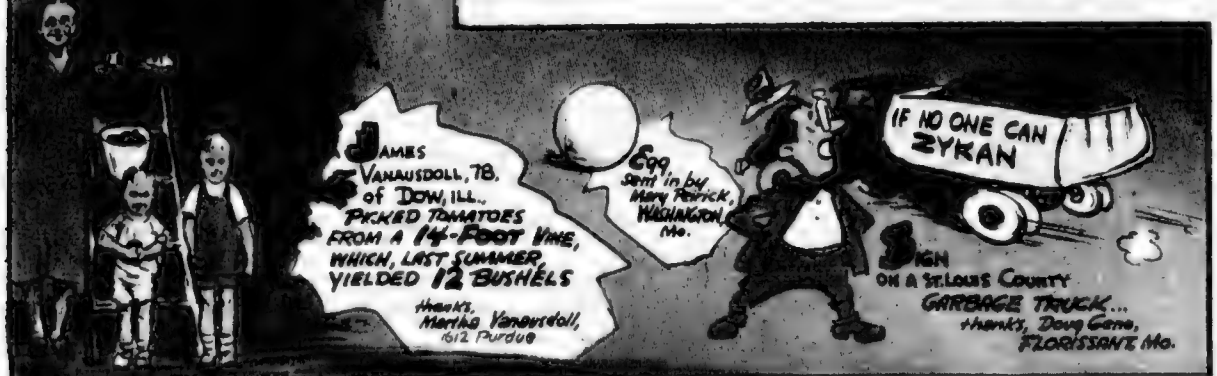


Mayor STERLING DAVIDSON, Jr., of Maplewood, Mo., WAS ELECTED WITH THE SAME TOTAL OF VOTES RECEIVED BY THAT CITY'S MAYOR 4 YEARS BEFORE ---- 2,236

(Maplewood is a city of 14,000)

- thanks, HARRY BLACKFORD, Lieutenant of Police



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OUR OWN CREATIONS

By KALTER SCHAFFER

At Geo. Astner's PINOCHLE PARTY, 6230 Berthold, St. Louis, USING A REGULATION DECK, EACH OF 4 PLAYERS HELD THE ACE, KING, QUEEN, JACK, TEN OF A KIND...

ODD POTATO...
Sent in by Lorene Williams, 802 Monroe, FLAT RIVER, Mo.

THIS HOLSTEIN'S THIRD SET OF TWINS GAVE HER A TOTAL OF 7 CALVES IN 44 MONTHS.....

- OWNED BY THE EVANGELICAL CHILDREN'S HOME, 8240 St. Charles Rock Road, ST. LOUIS

FLORIST TRUCK SIGN
4820 Natural Bridge, St. Louis.
thanks, Albert Klein, 4459 Ellenwood.

At Pere Marquette State Park, GRAFTON, ILL... the custodian is named STUDEBAKER the owner of stable horses, HENRY FORD
- Mrs. Wm. Walker, 520 W. Clarendale, Webster Groves

MIDWEST RUBBER RECLAIMING COMPANY of E. St. Louis, HAS 2 MAYORS WORKING FOR THEM
- AL METTER of COLUMBIA AND HENRY STRATMAN of E. CARONDELET... thanks, Mrs. Don Carroll

EGG WITH ONLY THE WHITE HAD ANOTHER EGG INSIDE WITH ONLY THE YOLK...
- John Dillon, 5303 Arsenal St. Louis

ONE DOLLAR PAID FOR EACH ODDITY USED—SEND THEM TO "OUR OWN CREATIONS"

OUR OWN ODDITIES

By RALPH GRACZAK

A 20-YEAR OLD CAT owned by Clinnie Dill Pavlick 5247 Lexington, St. Louis

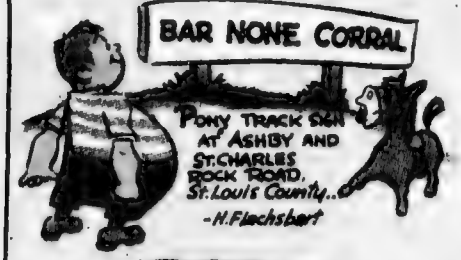
Robert Hane of St. Louis HAS HAD

2 STEP-MOTHERS
2 BROTHERS
2 HALF-BROTHERS
2 STEP-BROTHERS
2 STEP-SISTERS

thanks Joseph Sanacini, 5009a Delmar, St. Louis.

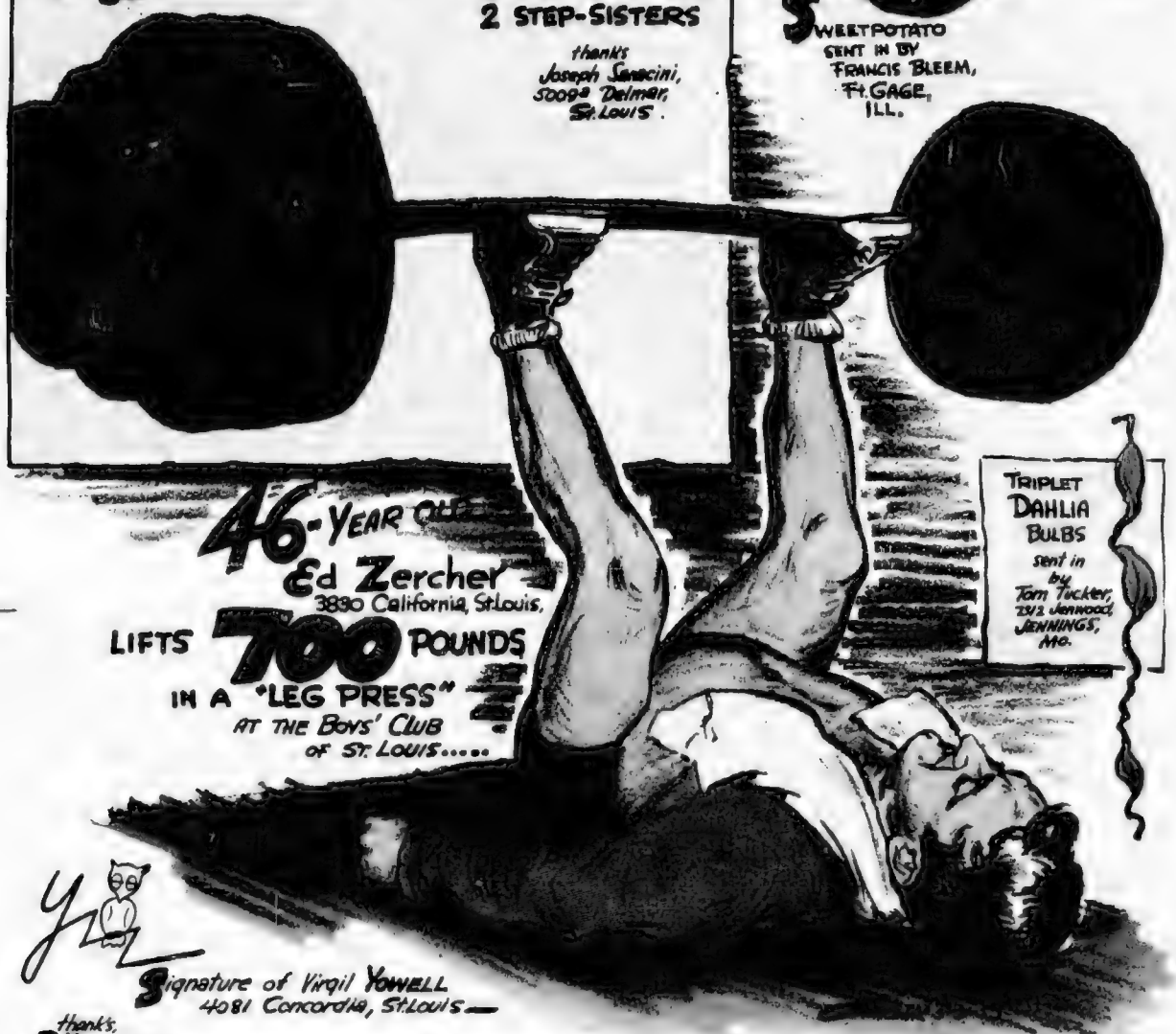
Bob Murphy, 710 S. Fillmore, Kirkwood, Mo., FOUND THE SAME WALLET TWICE WITHIN 3 WEEKS IN THE SAME STORE — Rosine Dougherty, 327 E. Big Bend, HAD LOST IT.

found in the Grandy Variety Store, 948 S. Kirkwood Road.



PONY TRACK SIGN AT ASHBY AND ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD, St. Louis County.. -H. Fischbert

SWEETPOTATO SENT IN BY FRANCIS BLEEM, Ft. GAGE, ILL.



46-YEAR OLD Ed Zercher 3830 California, St. Louis, LIFTS 700 POUNDS IN A "LEG PRESS" AT THE BOYS' CLUB OF ST. LOUIS.....

TRIPLET DAHLIA BULBS sent in by Tom Tucker, 2312 Jennwood, JENNINGS, Mo.

Signature of Virgil YOWELL 4081 Concordia, St. Louis

thanks, R. Krenning, Terminal RR, Madison, Ill.

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UNION, Mo. Beauty Operator, DOROTHY SAMMET... has a perfect attendance record of 12 YEARS in grade and high school PLUS 21 YEARS IN HER CHURCH!

thanks, Mrs. H. Berner

IT HAD BEEN 36 YEARS SINCE A St. LOUIS BROWNS' PITCHER HAD A NO-HIT GAME -THEN- "BOBO" HOLLOMAN DID THE TRICK IN HIS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE START (MAY 6, VS PHILLIES, 6-0)

thanks, Jim Kelleher, Jr., 5209 Ashland
Joe Fluegel, 5743 Chippewa

3 BANANAS IN ONE SIGN

thanks, Bill Adler 825 Leland U. City, Mo.

LEMON

sent in by Bill Moran 619 N. Eighth St. Louis

DASH & CARRY

STATION WAGON SIGN SEEN IN CLAYTON, Mo.

thanks, LEO

ON OCCASION, CORRINE RITTER'S TV PICTURE TURNS UPSIDE DOWN AT 6633 ALAMO, CLAYTON, Mo.

A TEN-PIN STOOD AT A 30 DEGREE ANGLE AFTER MIKE JANOS THREW A "STRIKE BALL" AT TERRY MOORE ALLEYS IN St. LOUIS

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BY RALPH GRAETZ
"Dig That Crazy Tow Truck"
at 6900 Hampton Rd. in St. Louis
OFFICIAL SERVICE
C-H
TOWING
6900
RADISH
sent in by William King, 4905 Penrose, ST. LOUIS
100-YEAR OLD TOY TOP
OWNED BY GERALD CHEADLE, ST. PETER, ILL.
TREASURES AND TRASH
ANTIQUE SHOP SIGN IN KEOKUK, IOWA...
Kate Belser, 4049 Utah, St. Louis
CIVIL WAR MUSKET
found in a hollow tree and owned by C.E. WOOLF, DE SOTO, ILL.
2-HEADED TURTLE
found near KENNETT, MO.
by
Walter Lowell
Curtis Wallace
Roy Smith
and Wm Counts
-thanks, John Jackson
A ZIEGLER, ILL., ORDINANCE STATES ONLY THE FIRST FOUR FIREMEN ON THE SCENE OF A FIRE CAN BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICES---
Roland Riffel, JENNINGS, Mo.
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SIGN on school notebook carried by MARY WEBER, student at HANLEY JUNIOR HIGH, in UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo.

STREET SIGNS at OGDEN and Easton Ave. in St. Louis...
K. Barkemeier, 5225 Hodiamont

RADISH growing through a BONE
-Carl Jones, 4379 Halbach, St Louis

Husband and Wife TOP-RANKING GRADUATES

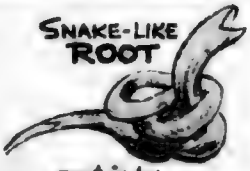
AT CAMPBELL (Mo.) HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Carlos D. Sanders, Valedictorian, ranked only a fraction above her husband, Salutatorian...

thanks, Mrs. Lloyd Miller

HOUSE—3 rooms and bath. 25 poles from U. S. 61 on Tenbrook Road, Arnold, Mo., Willow 5-3319.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER AD sent in by Mrs. F. Wilker, LEMAY, Mo.



sent in by Wm. Palmer, SULLIVAN, Mo.

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"OLD FACEFUL"

SIGN ON DRINKING FOUNTAIN... 2323 S. KINGSHIGHWAY ST. LOUIS

- Jack Bollier, 925 Beach

DAILY, FOR THE PAST MONTH, A STRANGE HEN STRUTS INTO REINER GROCERY IN EMDEN, ILL., LAYS AN EGG ON A SHELF — AND WALKS OUT AGAIN.

W. S. Lamm, 2825 Peoria, Springfield, Ill.

RADISH GROWING THROUGH A RADISH...

- Louis Schmidt, Columbia, Ill.

BODY and SOWUL ARE INSTRUCTORS AT SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

thanks, M/Sgt. L. D. Rozell

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BOTH Mr. AND Mrs. EDGAR FIRLE HAVE A LEG IN A CAST

... they sustained injury by falling, only 4 days apart.

(4334 Maroon Court) AFFTON, Mo.

Signature of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. BLOOM and son of College, Alaska.

thanks, Mrs. J. J. Jewett, Ft. Leonard Wood

STRAWBERRY "MITTEN" from F. Lafatte's garden, 4710 Kossuth, St. Louis

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St. Louis Heat
BAKED APPLES
INSIDE THE CAR OF MRS. ESTEPPE, OF STURGEON, Mo., WHILE SHE WATCHED A CARDINAL BALLGAME.

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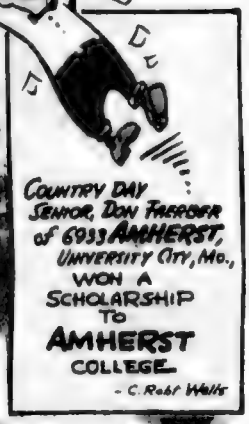
SIGN at Blair and Salisbury, St. Louis
-- D.K.

the "YANKEE DOODLE DANDY" SISTERS

Shirley and Janet Schloql,
... BOTH BORN ON JULY 4TH

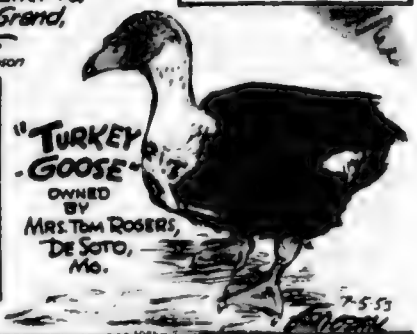
Shirley, 17, and Janet 13, live at 3195 S. Grand, St. Louis
- C O Thompson



COUNTRY DAY SENIOR, DON FARRAR of 6933 AMHERST, UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo., WON A SCHOLARSHIP TO AMHERST COLLEGE.
- C. Robt Wells

Harold Snyder of ELDRED, ILL. found this 6-POUND, 8-OUNCE MUSHROOM

RADISH grown by Mrs. Walter Barker, LEDBETTER, KY.



"TURKEY-GOOSE" OWNED BY MRS. TOM ROGERS, DE SOTO, Mo.

7-5-53

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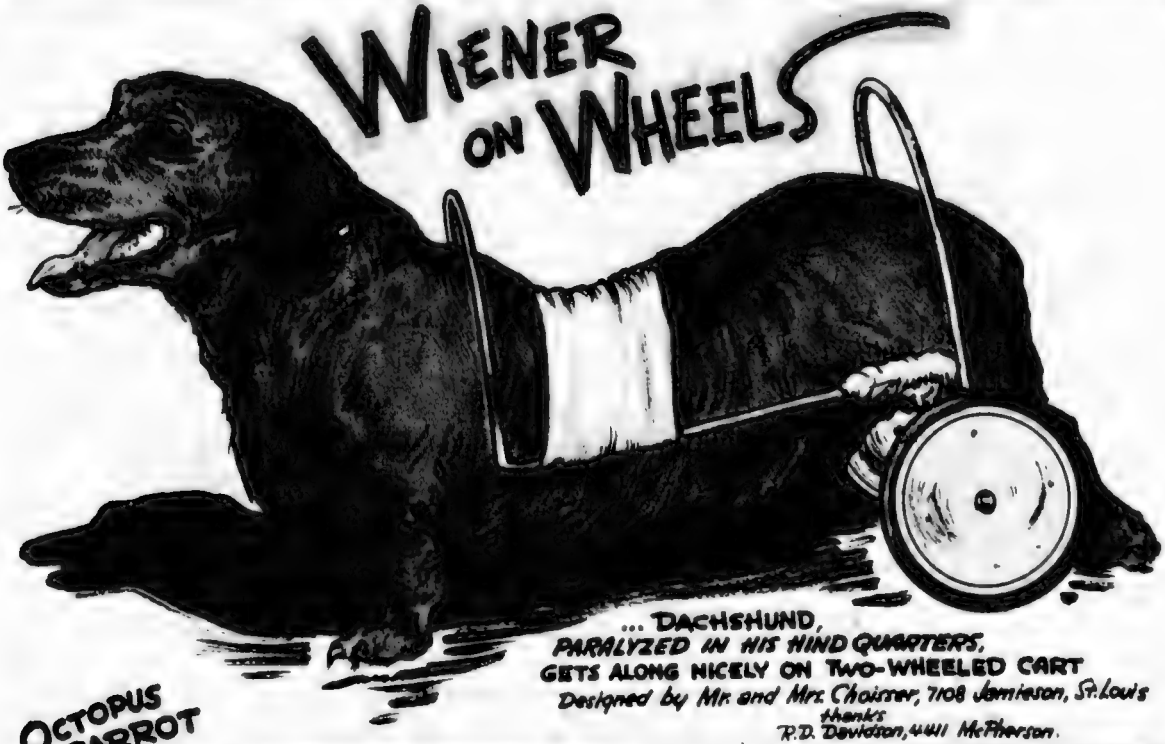
WIENER ON WHEELS



... DACHSHUND, PARALYZED IN HIS HIND QUARTERS, GETS ALONG NICELY ON TWO-WHEELED CART
Designed by Mr. and Mrs. Choisser, 7108 Jamieson, St. Louis
thanks R.D. Davidson, 4411 McPherson.

OCTOPUS CARROT

Sent in by Mrs. Carl Gales, DEXTER, Mo.

10 TOMATOES IN ONE CLUSTER
grown by Joe Roberts, 1904 Lucas-Hunt, St. Louis County

MEN EGG
sent in by Imelda Wallach, 1905 S. 11th St. Louis

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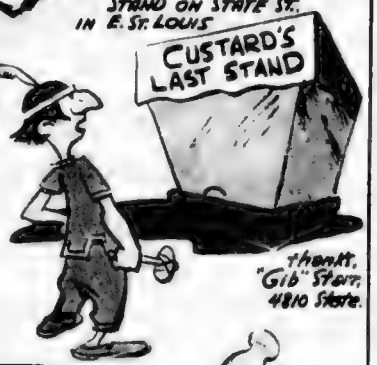
David and Dannie ANDERSON of FARMINGTON, ILL.

ATTENDED 7 SCHOOLS IN 3 STATES — IN THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR!

THEIR SISTER, JANENE, ATTENDED 4

THE SAME ELECTRIC HEATING PAD HAS BEEN USED FOR 29 YEARS BY M. A. SIMON, 401 OAKLEY, CLAYTON, MO.

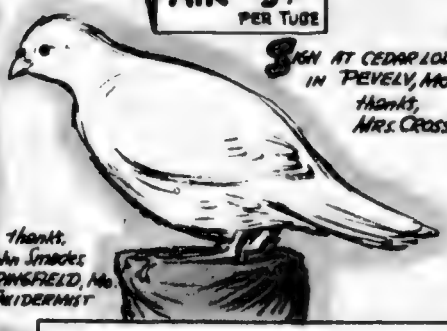
SIGN ON ICE CREAM STAND ON STATE ST. IN E. ST. LOUIS



AIR 5¢ PER TUBE

SIGN AT CEDAR LODGE IN PEVELY, MO. thanks, MRS. CROSS

2 ALBINO QUAIL WERE BAGGED BY 2 COUSINS LAST SEASON ... Charles and J. W. THOMPSON OF WEST PLAINS, Mo.



thanks, John Smedes SPRINGFIELD, Mo. TAXIDERMIST

thanks, "Gib" STAFF, 4810 Shaw.

SLOT-LESS CLOTHSPIN

Sent in by Richard Krueger, 9639 W. 65 ST. LOUIS

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DUTCH LEONARD
BORN IN AUBURN, ILL., HAS OUTLASTED 1000 PITCHERS IN HIS 20-YEAR CAREER... YET-WAS NEVER IN A WORLD SERIES!
CHICAGO
TWIN PICKLES RESEMBLING A RAM'S HORNS sent in by Mrs. Harry Brown, MODOC, ILL.
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By RALPH GRACZAK
Daryl Heidbreder, 1200 TWILL COURT, ST. LOUIS, FOUND A GOLD RING LOST BY HER COUSIN, Delores Trumpold, ON GRAU'S LAKE BEACH, NEAR ST. CHARLES, Mo.
14-YEAR OLD Betty Jo Flynn, 16 Warerton, LADUE, Mo., HAS A COLLECTION OF LETTERS WRITTEN TO HER BY FAMOUS PEOPLE, INCLUDING A U.S. PRESIDENT AND 48 GOVERNORS
TRAFFIC SIGN AT GRAND AVE. AND LAWTON BLVD. IN ST. LOUIS...
NO RIGHT TURN WHILE OPERATING
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COMPLETE EGG INSIDE AN EGG SENT IN BY Mrs. J. C. Broemmelsick, CREVE COEUR, Mo.
ROCK WITH THREADS THAT FIT A SCREW sent in by Dale Pitman, 5632 Wells, ST. LOUIS

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R. G. Bierer, Personnel Supervisor, of American Steel Foundries in E. St. Louis, Ill., DISCOVERED HIS DESK AND CAR KEYS ARE INTERCHANGEABLE

thanks, Kathryn Soucheck, 530A Cantaste, E. St. Louis

SIGNATURES OF MR. AND MRS. FRANK J. HEAL AND THEIR SIX CHILDREN, DAWSON, ILL.

POTATO GREW WITH AN IRON LINK THROUGH IT... sent in by Jessie Graham, BERNIE, Mo.

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18 DANDELIONS ON ONE STEM grew in lap of Capt. J. M. Apple, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
IT'S AGAINST THE LAW IN ST. LOUIS
--- TO RUB WHEELS AGAINST CURBINGS, OR TO USE THE CURBSTONES AS A VEHICLE BRAKE...
(Section 3539, Revised Code of Gen'l Ordinances)
MRS. GAY GAY IS A BUTTON COLLECTOR IN POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.
CORN BOUGHT A STORE FROM COBB AT FAYETTE, MO... thanks Bob HEREFORD, Macon
MRS. SWEET BOUGHT A HOUSE FROM MRS. SAUER AT 3104 Walter, IN MAPLEWOOD Mo.
--- Mrs. Poedinger 3106 Walter
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SORRY THUMB OTHER TIME!
SIGN ON SIGN PAINTER TED SHARGEL'S TRUCK, IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY...
MACON MUSIC
MUSIC STORE IN DECATUR, ILL. (IN MACON COUNTY) thanks, Sallie Bristow, SULLIVAN, Ill.
GRAHAM 8-9-53

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I DON'T STEAL — BUT TAKE EVERYTHING

A JERSEYVILLE, ILL. PHOTOGRAPHER'S SIGN...

thanks PATRICK ASHLOCK, 115 Walnut, CARROLLTON, ILL.

SIX-IN-ONE KOHLRABI

SENT IN BY JOHN MILLER, 919 Hackman, STAUNTON, ILL.

Jerome Juda of GRANITE CITY, ILL. CAUGHT A COPPERHEAD SNAKE ON A FLY-ROD (Bourbeuse River)

EGGS RESEMBLING TEN-PIN and BOWLING BALL

Sent in by Robt. J. Brewer, PERRYVILLE, Mo.

A WHITE SQUIRREL HAS BEEN SEEN IN THE VICINITY OF UPPER LADUE ROAD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

thanks "SALLY" PRIMM, CLAYTON, 24, MO.

BOB RILEY, filling station operator at 5354 Chippewa, St. LOUIS, CLAIMS A LIFETIME DRIVING RECORD — 3 MILLION MILES WITHOUT ACCIDENT (NOT EVEN A SCRATCHED FENDER)

— RILEY, DRIVING FOR PIC TRUCKS, and — PAUL LANIGAN (LEFT) DRIVER FOR R.I.E., HAVE RECEIVED NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S "22-YEAR NO ACCIDENT AWARD." !!

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TROUTT CATCHES BASS

ART TROUTT, WOODRIVER, ILL. CAUGHT THIS 7¼ POUND BASS IN REELFOOT LAKE, TENN...

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OUR DONUTS ARE RECOMEDED BY "DUNKEM & SLURP"

ODD SIGN SEEN BY THE 3 SHAVERS ON THEIR TRIP OUT WEST... 303 Maple, ROXANA, ILL.

WORM FROM POOKER'S WORM HATCHERY, IMPERIAL MO.

THERE ARE SIX SETS OF TWINS IN THE SAME SCHOOL AT HALLSVILLE, Mo. thanks, MRS FENTON, COLUMBIA, MO.

A HORSE PUMPS WATER FOR ITSELF AND THE OTHER HORSES ON TONY KARCHER'S FARM... DANGREN, ILL. -C. Rapp, Sta. Gutenhaus, Mo.

PEACH sent in by LOUIS WELLINGHOFF, FLORISSANT, MO.

CHARLIE AND CECIL SAUER KRAUT PLAY ON THE SAME BALL TEAM IN CARROLLTON, ILL.

thanks A. Flenup, 612 Lafayette St. Louis

"THURSDAY"... AN ANGORA CAT THAT HAD TO BE "TRIMMED" BECAUSE OF BRIARS and BURRS -OWNED BY JAMES BLUME, ALTON, ILL.

thanks, Dorothy Budde -ALTON-

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TREE SWALLOWING A FENCE at 3635 BOTANICAL STREET, in St. LOUIS thanks, Sharon Andrews

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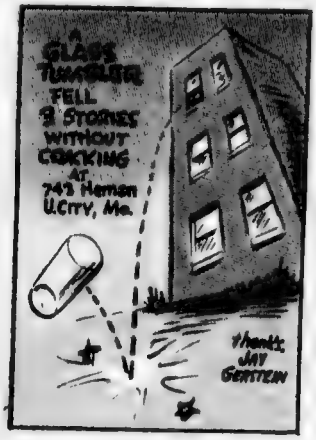
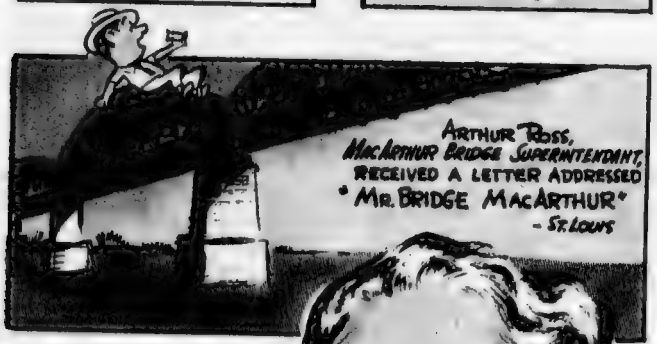
WELL-WORN ROLLING-PIN IN USE FOR 70 YEARS
-- BROUGHT FROM RUMANIA BY REBECCA WEISS, 1341 SHAWMUT, ST. LOUIS

A "PRESERVED" BANANA WAS FOUND IN A 25-POUND SACK OF SUGAR
by MRS. T. C. HARDEN, 5837 EARHART, ST. LOUIS



A GLASS TUMBLER FELL 3 STORIES WITHOUT CRACKING AT 743 Hanley U. CITY, Mo.
Hank Jay Gerstein



ARTHUR ROSS, MACARTHUR BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT, RECEIVED A LETTER ADDRESSED "MR. BRIDGE MACARTHUR" - ST. LOUIS

MRS. LEOLA FERGUSON McQUITTY, of COLUMBIA, Mo., JUST HAD A WISDOM TOOTH PULLED -- AT 83
- Viola Whitaker, 1209 Hillmut, Columbia

PETRIFIED NUT IN A ROCK FOUND BY Bill Mueller, 6611 Arsenal, - ST. LOUIS -

VALENTINE TAPLEY—
A PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI DEMOCRAT, VOWED NEVER TO CUT HIS WHISKERS IF LINCOLN BECAME PRESIDENT... HE DIED IN 1910 WITH A 12½ FOOT BEARD

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"GOING MY WAY?"

... Eggplant sent in by Vito Rollo 3913 N. 25TH - ST. LOUIS

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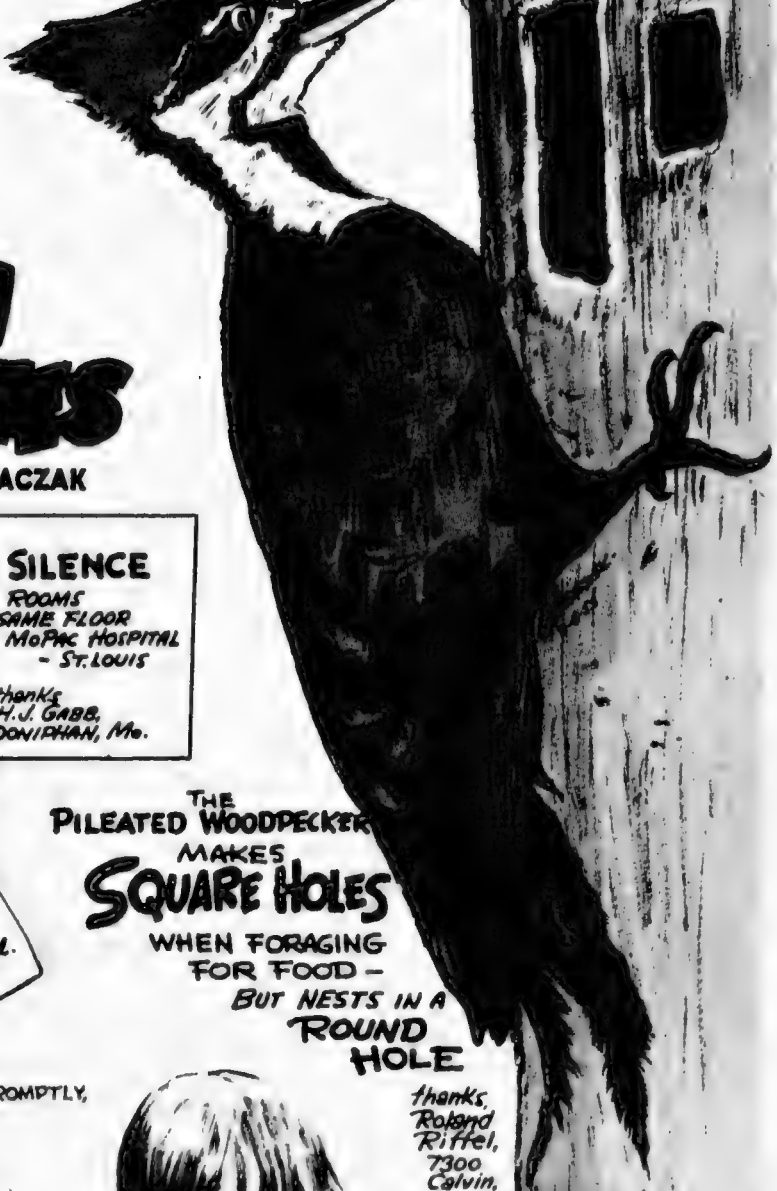
GABB AND SILENCE

OCCUPIED ROOMS ON THE SAME FLOOR IN THE MoPac HOSPITAL - St. LOUIS

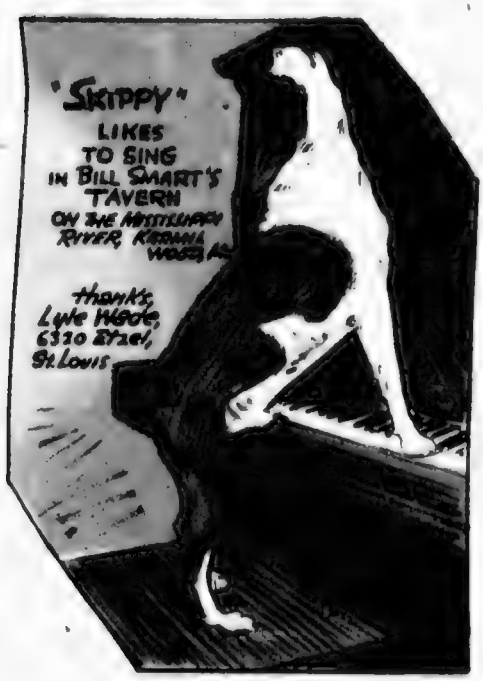
thanks Mrs. H. J. GABB, DONIPHAN, Mo.

LETTER RECEIVED, PROMPTLY, by Mrs. John Sloviero, from her son in LOUISVILLE, KY.



THE PILEATED WOODPECKER MAKES SQUARE HOLES WHEN FORAGING FOR FOOD - BUT NESTS IN A ROUND HOLE

thanks, Roland Riffel, 7300 Calvin, JENNINGS, Mo.



BONNIE JEANNETTE CHESSOR HAS BROTHERS and SISTERS NAMED:

BILLY JOE
BARRY JAMES
BARBARA JUNE
BEVERLY JANE

of 5122 Raymond, - St. LOUIS

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PRETZEL ROCK

sent in by N. Aulebach, 512 Chapman, EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.

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DOCTOR **FOOTLICK** IS A CHIROPODIST IN KANSAS CITY, Mo.
- Edna Deal, 626 Boatmen's Bldg. St. Louis -

MAIL ME MONDAY

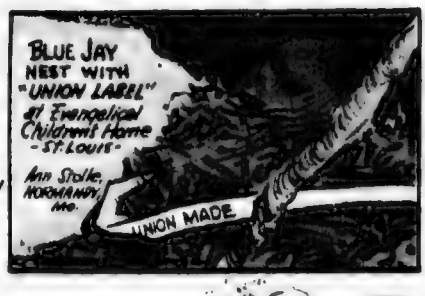
IS THE NAME OF AN ORGANIZATION AT 2000 STATE STREET IN E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.

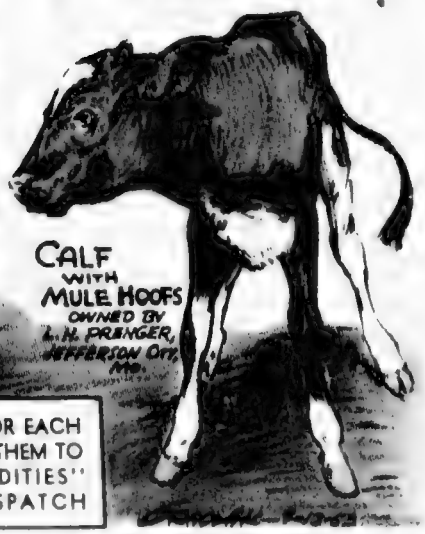
Thanks, Leo

BONNIE DONNIE AND **JONNIE ROBERTS**, of MALDEN, Mo., ARE THE SAME HEIGHT, 5'3¼", HAVE SAME COLOR HAIR, WEAR THE SAME SIZE SHOES AND CLOTHES--- AND - ALL THREE ARE VETERAN **COPPER MINERS** (ARIZONA MINES)

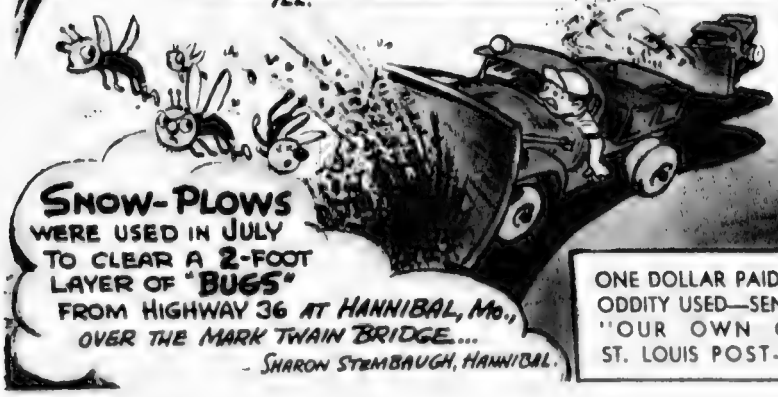
24 EARS of CORN GROWING ON A TASSLE sent in by Jim Martin, MURPHYSBORO, ILL.

BLUE JAY NEST WITH "UNION LABEL" at Evangelical Children's Home - St. Louis -
Ann Stolle, NORMANDY, Mo.





CALF WITH MULE HOOFS OWNED BY L. H. PRENGER, JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.



SNOW-PLOWS WERE USED IN JULY TO CLEAR A 2-FOOT LAYER OF "**BUGS**" FROM HIGHWAY 36 AT HANNIBAL, Mo., OVER THE MARK TWAIN BRIDGE...
- SHARON STRMBAUGH, HANNIBAL.

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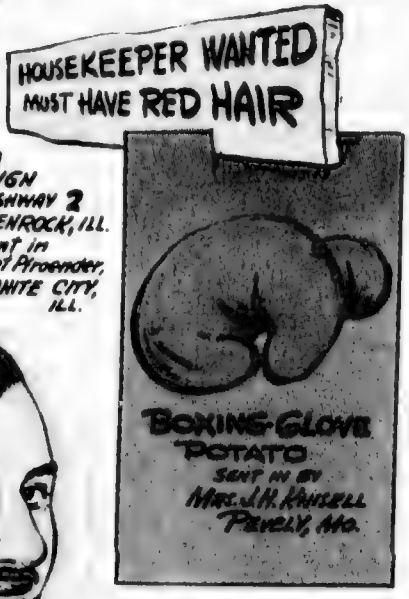
SIGN ON HIGHWAY 2 AT DENROCK, ILL. sent in Margaret Provender, GRANITE CITY, ILL.



Robt. SCISSORS WORKS FOR FASHION-THIMBLE SHOE COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS... his son, Jerry SCISSORS married Laura CUTTER

thanks, Florence Lusk, CHESTERFIELD, Mo.

"8-BALL" TOMATO

sent in by Eldon and Wayne Kauffmann, PERRYVILLE, Mo.

Mrs. Albert Halbach IN PACIFIC, Mo., FOUND A DIAMOND RING IN HER YARD, LOST 13 YEARS AGO BY HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, MRS. IRVIN HALBACH 7095 THOLOZAN, ST. LOUIS.

MRS. BERTIE BUFORD, 72, OF DEXTER, MO... HER HAIR MEASURES 60 INCHES!

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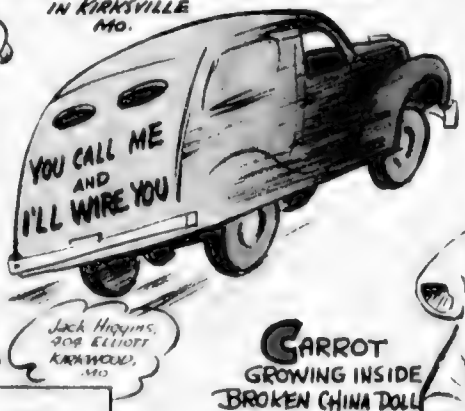
SUE QUICK
SELLS CARDS FOR
SPEEDY
BUSINESS CARD CO.
Joe Quick
1455 Realty
St. Louis

22-LAYER WEDDING CAKE
BAKED BY MRS. ROSE GARBER,
6601 ENRIGHT, ST. LOUIS -
... IT TOOK HER 5 DAYS
TO MAKE THIS 4-FOOT CAKE
FOR HER DAUGHTER'S WEDDING.

SIGN ON HIGHWAY 54 OUTSIDE OF WICHITA, KANSAS
-MRS. R.J. SAHRMAN
3009 PARK,
ST. LOUIS

SIGN ON ELECTRICIAN'S TRUCK IN KIRKSVILLE MO.



Jack Higgins,
904 Elliott
Kirkwood,
Mo

YOLKLESS EGG
sent in by Virgie Barkau,
5234 Dewey,
St. Louis

CARROT
GROWING INSIDE
BROKEN CHINA DOLL
- sent in by
Ethel Orr,
SUMNER, ILL.

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13 PEACHES ON A 14-INCH BRANCH, WEIGHED 6 POUNDS, IN THE KING-LEWIS ORCHARDS, CAMPBELL, Mo. - Clyde Jacques

THIS RABBIT MADE ITS HOME ATOP THE MOTOR IN AN OLD CAR LAST WINTER IN ED. FALLER'S SERVICE STATION, 8482 NATURAL BRIDGE, ST. LOUIS

HOME GROWN TOMATOES 15¢ A PAN

SIGN ON A ST. LOUIS HUCKSTER'S TRUCK thanks Ben Erhardt, 2012 E. Prairie

"LADY OUTDOORS"

MRS. PEARL ANDREAS HERZIG, A WIDOW, HAS LIVED ALONE IN A TENT ON THE MISSOURI RIVER BOTTOMS FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. (NEAR CHESTERFIELD, Mo.) thanks, Marvel Andreas.

MISSOURI MAILBOX ON HIGHWAY 66...

O.H. POPP

thanks, Mrs. Neiberg, 1525a Union St. Louis

"CORRUGATED" EGG sent in by Mary Svetlik, STAUNTON, ILL.

7-FOOT PETUNIAS GROWING IN ED. WOLTERING'S WINDOW AT 815 Geyer, St. Louis thanks Mrs. Al Schoeppe

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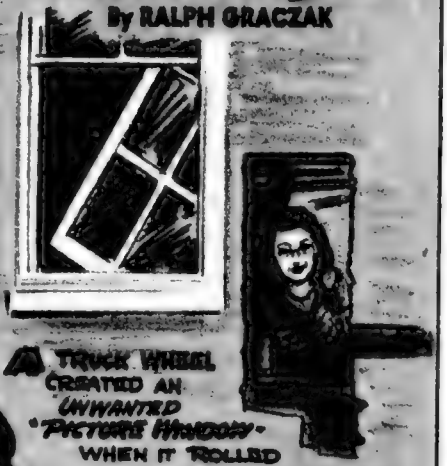

A TRUCK WHEEL CREATED AN UNWANTED "PICTURE WINDOW" WHEN IT ROLLED OFF A TRUCK AND CRASHED INTO THE CHARLES DAVIS HOME IN MADISON, MO.

-- Mrs. Leslie Hartgrove, CENTRALIA, Mo.

THIS LITTLE YEARLING, "E.H." WALPOLE of KENNETT, Mo., CLIMBS UP and DOWN A 5-FOOT LADDER UNASSISTED...

thanks, Elouise Walpole

CARL EK, MARISSA Ill., HAS ONE OF THE SHORTEST NAMES IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS...

- F. F. Stoelzle, BELLEVILLE, Ill.

TINSMITH SANFORD of 6211 Gravois, St. Louis, HAD TO CUT A CAKE PAN OFF A LITTLE BOY'S NECK

BABY NEEDS TELEVISION TOOLS

Sign on rental store at 7527 Olive St. Road, St. Louis

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DRIFTWOOD sent in by Don Michael, 2023 Victor, St. Louis

SNAKE-LIKE SQUASH sent in by John Schulz, 8200 Florissant, NORMANDY, Mo.

thanks, Carol Gast, Lutheran Nurses, 3607 Texas, St. Louis

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A TRIPLE PLAY

IN THE FINAL INNING OF THE FINAL GAME WON THE KHOURY LEAGUE'S MISSOURI-ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR HAMPTON VILLAGE MERCHANTS (AGES 13-15)

MONREY TO DOYLE TO WARD.

TAVERN SIGN AT 904 N. BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS

- ROY BENNING 4647 Cottage

100-YEAR OLD PIPE

OWNED BY HENRY LUCKE, 5934 RIDGE ST. LOUIS

SCOTT E. THOMPSON,

GRANITE CITY, ILL., JEWELER,

HAS KEPT A DAILY DIARY for 50 YEARS

(1842 Delmar Ave.)

JOHN PLANT
5315 Nottingham, St. Louis

BOWLED CONSECUTIVE GAMES OF 191-191-191 AT BEVO ALLEYS

THE ARNOLD FELDMEIERS, 7623 S. BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, HAVE 2 CHILDREN BORN ON THE SAME DATE AND MINUTE, 5 YEARS APART, sent in by GRANDPA FELDMEIER, ST. LOUIS TRAFFIC OFFICER

FUNNY FACES

APPLE
sent in by Edw. Reynolds, 2819 Osceola, St. Louis

POTATO
sent in by Gus Ekey, Perryville, Mo.

RED BEET
from Cliff Weber, Overland, Mo.

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GIVE THE CHILDREN A BRAKE SCHOOL IS OPEN

A FINE SIGN ON ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD St Louis County thanks. Helen Henarich, 10733 St. Stephen, ST. ANN, Mo.

½ INCH HEN EGG sent in by CHARLES KOERKENMEIER BREESE, ILL.

RABBIT-PROOF BIRD DOG!

This setter named "Smokey Joe" and a rabbit, "Snooksie" are pen pals owned by Chas. Boenecke, 1077 Francis Place, RICHMOND HEIGHTS, Mo.

RECENTLY THE RABBIT "LIBERATED THE DOG BY GNAWING OFF ITS COLLAR!

JOHN Q. LAWLESS IS AN ATTORNEY AT LAW IN MT. STERLING, ILL. - Lucille Wear, 115 N. Capitol

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COMIC TOMATO sent in by Florence Bergman, 15 N. 36th BELLEVILLE, ILL.

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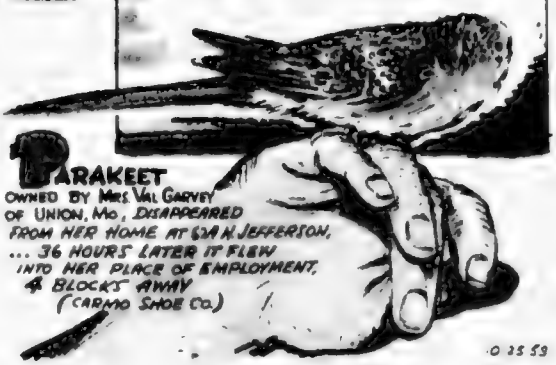
THE IDEAL COASTER CO. IS LOCATED ON LOOKAWAY AVE. IN St. LOUIS County - JAMES HEDIEN, 4731 GOETHE, St. LOUIS



PARAKEET OWNED BY MRS. VAL GARVEY OF UNION, Mo., DISAPPEARED FROM HER HOME AT 514 N. JEFFERSON, ... 36 HOURS LATER IT FLEW INTO HER PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, 4 BLOCKS AWAY (CARMO SHOE CO.)

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RADISH growing out of a RADISH that grew out of a RADISH that grew out of a RADISH

SENT IN BY MRS. M. LOTZ, 1416 LINTON, ST. LOUIS

A MOUSE WAS FOUND IN THE WINDSHIELD-WASHER WATER JAR OF VICTOR REINKE'S NEW CAR IN ELLISVILLE, MO.

BLACKBIRD NEST MADE WITH SNAKE SKINS

SENT IN BY JIMMIE MADDOX, POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

Southern Illinois University

SOPHOMORE

GLORIA KAY MAPLE

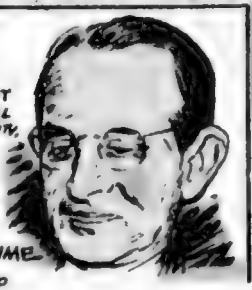
RECENTLY RECEIVED AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF HER BIRTH 19 YEARS AGO...

IT HAD NEVER REACHED THE ADDRESSEE

SWEETPOTATO

Sent in by ALLEN HAYES Lee and White St., E. St. Louis, Ill.

UNDERHILL 7-2037 IS THE PHONE NUMBER OF HILLTOP NURSERY at 9121 Highway 99, JENNINGS, MO.



ARTHUR ROSENBLATT 7055 CORNELL UNIVERSITY CITY, MO. HAS SEEN EVERY WORLD FAIR IN HIS LIFETIME

- LEO

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QUESTION MARK GROWING INSIDE A PEPPER SENT IN BY NEAL FIX, 7151 GARESCHE, JENNINGS, MO.

"L" GOT THE BREAKS IN THE BRAKE FAMILY:

LAWRENCE BRAKE
LENORA BRAKE
LAINE BRAKE
LEROY BRAKE
LEOLA BRAKE
LOIS BRAKE
LEONA BRAKE
LYNN BRAKE
LORAINE BRAKE

thanks, Leola Brake, RAINBOW PARK, SULLIVAN, MO.

25-POUND CALF HELD BY Mrs. FRANCES KARG, of COULTERVILLE, ILL. ...this little fellow, normal otherwise, is only ONE-THIRD the AVERAGE IN WEIGHT

SNAPDRAGON SEED PODS HAVE WEIRD "FACES" - suggested by MRS. J. R. CHITTUM, HOUSE SPRINGS, MO.

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3 HEARTS FOUND IN ONE CHICKEN by Mrs. Sidney Frost, 4339 Olentha, St. Louis

SIGN at Viola, Arkansas sent in by Alma Schappe, 2805 Bell, St. Louis

H. H. FOX 3039 MINNESOTA ST. LOUIS WAS DEALT EVERY DIAMOND IN THE DECK (12) ... IN A 4-HANDED REGULATION PINOCHLE GAME

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AN ANTISEPTIC FLOOR IN THE NEW INDIAN CREEK LEAD MINERS' WASHROOM (NORTH OF POTOSI, MO.) PROTECTS THEM FROM ATHLETE'S FOOT! There's a Germ-killer IN THE CEMENT

—DICK TERRY

—Lynda Theismann

90-YEAR OLD

GRANT PEOPLES, 5696 Kingsbury, ST. LOUIS

GOT HIS THIRD SET of TEETH WHEN HE WAS 44 and they are in perfect condition today — HE NEVER WENT TO A DENTIST; HASN'T NEEDED A DOCTOR IN 50 YEARS

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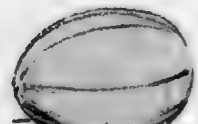
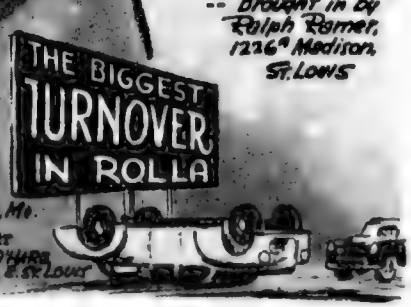


EGG MARKED LIKE A FOOTBALL

-- Brought in by Ralph Ramer, 1226A Madison, ST. LOUIS

OKAWVILLE, ILL., from a sketch by Roscoe Misselhorn. --- ON THIS SIDE OF THE BRIDGE IS A SUBURB CALLED "PINCH"

Thanks GROVER BRINKMAN



SIGN and CAR ON A LOT IN ROLLA, Mo.

thanks VINCENT O'HARA 6007 DEWEY, S. ST. LOUIS

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Wm. H. Priess of 6722 A Bartmer, University City, Mo. reports that in a 3-handed pinochle game with single deck, he and Clarence Jurgesmeyer were both dealt 1500 trump. Elton Gell of Olivette, Mo., was the unlucky one.

Sign suggested by Ruth Harris, 3606 Manhattan, MAPLEWOOD, Mo.

SIGN on ROUTE 66 between Marshfield and Conway, Mo.

—Mrs James Johnson, 2210 Huntington, OVERLAND, Mo.

CAT owned by Harry Jennings Grant City, Mo CLIMBS CORN STALKS TO EAT CORN

—August Braun, 5425 Goethe, St. Louis

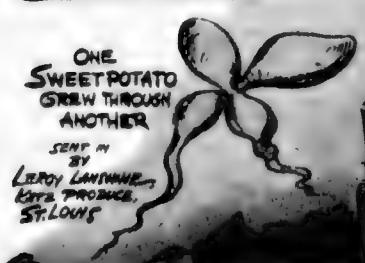
This 56-FOOT 120-TON IRON FIGURE, VULCAN, GOD OF THE FORGE, TOWERS HIGH ON RED MOUNTAIN AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,... A GREEN TORCH IN IT'S HAND TURNS RED FOR 24 HOURS WHEN A TRAFFIC FATALITY OCCURS. VULCAN WAS MADE IN 1904 FOR EXHIBITION AT THE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

—R.T. King

MRS. JOHN HURT of ST. CHARLES, Mo.

—her 3 children were born 7 YEARS APART on OCTOBER 30

thanks, Madeline Sevier, 402 Poore St., Jefferson Barracks, Mo.



ONE SWEET POTATO GREW THROUGH ANOTHER

SENT IN BY LEROY LANTHRUM, Kitts Produce, ST. LOUIS

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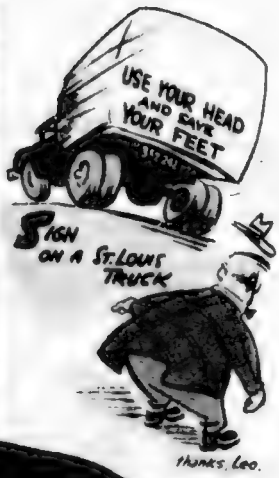
AN 'ARRIVED HELL' POST-CARD DATED JUNE 27, 1916 WAS DELIVERED RECENTLY TO JOE ANN REED at 2811 Oregon, St. Louis



SIGN ON A ST. LOUIS TRUCK

THANKS, LEO.

BIRD NEST TOMATO
SENT IN BY MRS. GEO. REVELLE, FESTUS, Mo.

Pewter Platter USED AT THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DINNER (1623 AT CONCORD)

- HELD BY ITS NINTH OWNER, F. W. CHEEVER, 4444 NEOSHO, ST. LOUIS

...HIS GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER ONCE SAT ON IT TO HIDE IT FROM BRITISH SOLDIERS WHO WANTED TO MELT IT INTO BULLETS.

DUMBBELL POTATO
SENT IN BY Walt Johnson, ROCHEPORT, MO.

CAMEL LOAN COMPANY
'LET US HELP YOU OVER THE HUMP'

ST. LOUIS SIGN
SENT IN BY MRS JEAN STUMPE 4623rd POPE, ST. LOUIS, Mo

'BETSY #7' OWNED BY J KOEBEL, OAKDALE, ILL.

JOHN ZUCHEM 3525 OREGON ST. LOUIS

11-24-53

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MOUSE THE BARBER

SIGN AT 313 MISSOURI, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. - Leo

L.E. SALMON IS PRESIDENT AND W.A. WREN VICE-PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE-VALLEY ELECTRIC, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

thanks, NANCY FRANZ, 5010 KEMPER, ST. LOUIS

NORMAN BROCK HAS A COLLECTION OF 248 DIFFERENT BRANDS OF BEER IN HIS HOME AT 1201 GRUNER PAGEDALE, Mo.

KATE VINYARD of ROODHOUSE, ILL. HAS CUT 15 TEETH OF A THIRD SET IN HER 89th YEAR

thanks, Dorothy Lee Vinyard, 727 W. Larkin, Roodhouse...

A SCAR ON H. KNOWLTON'S HAND FORMS HIS INITIALS. -- Wm. Knowlton, 5368 Roosevelt, St. Louis

A CAT 'MOTHERS' TWO KITTENS AND TWO RACOONS ON THE HENRY OSTENDORF FARM NEAR STONE CHURCH, ILLINOIS - thanks, Grover Brinkman, Okawville, Ill.

1½ POUND CARROT GROWN BY A. PASZKIEWICZ, 4815 MINNESOTA, St. LOUIS

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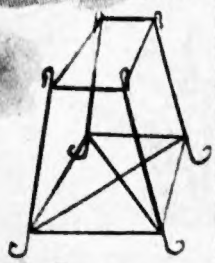
"STAR"
35-YEAR OLD
MARE
OWNED BY
WM. H. ESTES,
CLARKSVILLE,
Mo.

32 POUNDS OF FISH ON ONE HOOK

...A 26-POUND CATFISH TRIED TO SWALLOW A 6-POUND CATFISH ON A TROTLINE RUN BY RUSSELL AUNGER AND FARREL DABLEMONT of HOUSTON, Mo. (PINEY RIVER)



OPTICAL ILLUSION
SENT IN BY
E. J. LEHR,
OPTOMETRIST
IN ST. LOUIS

BALL-SHAPED EAR OF CORN
-E. W. SHALLAT,
GLENCOE, Mo.

J. J. PAPPA
AND
J. O. MUMMA
WERE HIRED THE SAME WEEK AT METAL GOODS CORP., 5239 BROWN, ST. LOUIS

U.S. POSTAL CLERK
KENNETH GROH (St. Louis Terminal)
WAS BORN IN A POST-OFFICE BUILDING AT LENZBURG, ILL.
thanks, Kay and Linda Groh.

A HITCH-HIKING DOG
WAS PICKED UP BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY DOGCATCHER AND RETURNED TO ITS OWNER, STANLEY HAND, EL RENO, OKLAHOMA... thanks, JAMES POLY, of the HUMANE SOCIETY

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QUILT MADE WITH 5669 POSTAGE STAMPS

OWNED BY GRACE MITCHELL, 8343 Eton Place, JENNINGS, Mo.

A DUCK LAYS GREEN EGGS WITH GREEN YOLKS FOR WILBUR MARTIN, FESTUS, Mo.

MRS. KENNETH LAWSON of ALTON, ILL. SANG AT HER OWN WEDDING ... BY A PREVIOUS RECORDING OF HER VOICE.

A. Flentup, 612a Lafayette, St. Louis

ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS AT DECATUR, ILL. WERE SENT KINDERGARTEN CHAIRS THROUGH ERROR.

-- Sallie Bristow, SULLIVAN, ILL.

ROACH & SONS BARBER SHOP

SIGN at 907 N. 16th IN ST. LOUIS thanks, Alton Fitts, 1548 Carver Lane...

This Year IN THE VINCENC FAMILY: GEO. WAS 18 OCT. 18 FRANK WAS 23 NOV. 23 MIKE WAS 25 NOV. 25

thanks Betty Vincenc, 1002 Russell, St. Louis

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